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HITLER GIVES HIS VERSION OF EVENTS

"Deception Is Something I Will Not Tolerate"

BRUNO WALTER AND SALZBURG

Amsterdam, To-day.
The famous conductor, Bruno Walter, has written to the Vienna State Opera requesting to be relieved from his contract, and says it is impossible for him to conduct again at the Salzburg Festival.
Dr. Walter is a Jew.—Trans-Ocean.

SIR VICTOR SASSOON SELLS OUT STABLE

(Special To "China Mail")

Sir Victor Sassoon has sold the whole of his Hong Kong string of race ponies with the exception of Happy Eve, the "China Mail" learns.

Although official confirmation is lacking, a very reliable source states that Mr. Li Lan-sang, well-known local race-horse owner, has acquired several China and Australian ponies from Sir Victor.

Among the China ponies which Mr. Li Lan-sang has acquired are:

Happy Eve,
Honeymoon Eve,
Half Moon Eve,
Humdrum Eve,
Harmony Eve,

while the two Australian ponies, Courting Eve, and a new one, Simonian Eve, have also been added to his stable.

A Chinese syndicate of three have acquired Handicap Eve from Sir Victor Sassoon.

It is thought possible that Sir Victor Sassoon will take Happy Eve to Shanghai and cease all connection with Hong Kong racing.

DEAL CONFIRMED

Later.
Mr. Li Lan-sang has confirmed the report, informing the "China Mail" that the deal was concluded with Mr. H. H. Priestley, representing Sir Victor Sassoon, last night.

Mr. Li Lan-sang has also acquired five other new griffins from the Eve stable, and proposes to rename Harmony Eve and these five griffins. The names of the other six ponies now owned by Mr. Li

Striking Interview With Mr. G. Ward Price

London, To-day.

"It was just as senseless as would be a Note from the Reich Government to Whitehall regarding relations between the British Government and Ireland," declared Herr Hitler referring to the British protest to Berlin over Austria in an interview granted to Mr. A. Ward Price, special correspondent of the "Daily Mail."

Asked by Mr. Ward Price if the Austro-German anschluss would have any effect on the projected Anglo-German conversations, the Fuehrer stated:

"From our side, not in the least, and I hope not from the British side. What injustice have we done to any foreign power? Whose interest have we intruded upon?"

Talking about the coup in Austria, Herr Hitler said: "I assure you that four days ago I was not in the least aware of what was to take place, or that Austria would be incorporated in the German Reich in the same manner as Bavaria or Saxony."

"I took this action because Dr. Schuschnigg disappointed me, and deception is something that I will not tolerate. When I give my hand and pledge my word, I expect that everyone who enters into agreement with me does the same."

SCHUSCHNIGG'S UNDERSTANDING

"I came to an understanding with Dr. Schuschnigg according to which he should cease suppression of the majority of the people in his country."

"I gave him an opportunity to say 'I have come to an agreement'"

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ANGLO-ITALIAN TALKS TO-DAY

Rome, To-day.

The Anglo-Italian talks between the Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and the Ambassador, the Earl of Perth, begin in earnest to-day at the Palazzo Chigi.—Reuter.

Lan-sang will preserve their names.

OUTSTANDING CHINESE SUCCESSSES

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese counter-offensive in North Honan, which started on Saturday, is making good progress, according to Chinese reports which claim that the Chinese troops have recaptured Sinwu and Hsinhsiang.

Chinese military circles consider these successes to have rendered the position of the Japanese on the north bank of the Yellow River difficult, and it is rumoured that the Japanese have already begun to retreat from the river.

SHANSI SUCCESSSES

The situation in west Shansi is also reported to be developing in favour of the Chinese, who are stated to have crossed the Yellow River near Tungkwan and which is simultaneously menaced from the north by Chinese guerillas.

An attempt by the Japanese

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To Attract Attention

Having you reached that doldrums stage where nobody ever notices what you have on? A new dress in your wardrobe might just as well be one of two seasons ago. If you buy a new hat YOU have to call attention to it.

If that sad state of affairs is yours, if you are the "forgotten woman" as far as attention and compliment getting is concerned it's high time you did something about it. Use a bit of psychology and a fashion trick so consistently it becomes "your" theme song, and you're bound to make an imprint. You know the old one about little drops

of water... well, it works, but definitely. Make yourself known by adopting some one theme, and sticking to it. Trick? Perhaps, but what's life without attention and this is one way of getting mentioned in clothes conversations.

TAKE A COLOUR

For instance take a colour (you know, any colour) maybe blue, may-

be red, depending on which does the most for you, then wear it consistently. It won't be too monotonous if you vary the shade and change it around by the use of different accessories. Result, you're known as "the girl in blue." Simple, childish even, but, oh, how it works!

Or, if you're a slim, long-legged figure go in for slacks, emphatically. Wear them at home, at resorts,

Adopt A Fashion Theme Song

WHEN WASHING WOOLLENS

A few drops of ammonia in the water in which white woollens are washed will make it easier to remove the dirt.

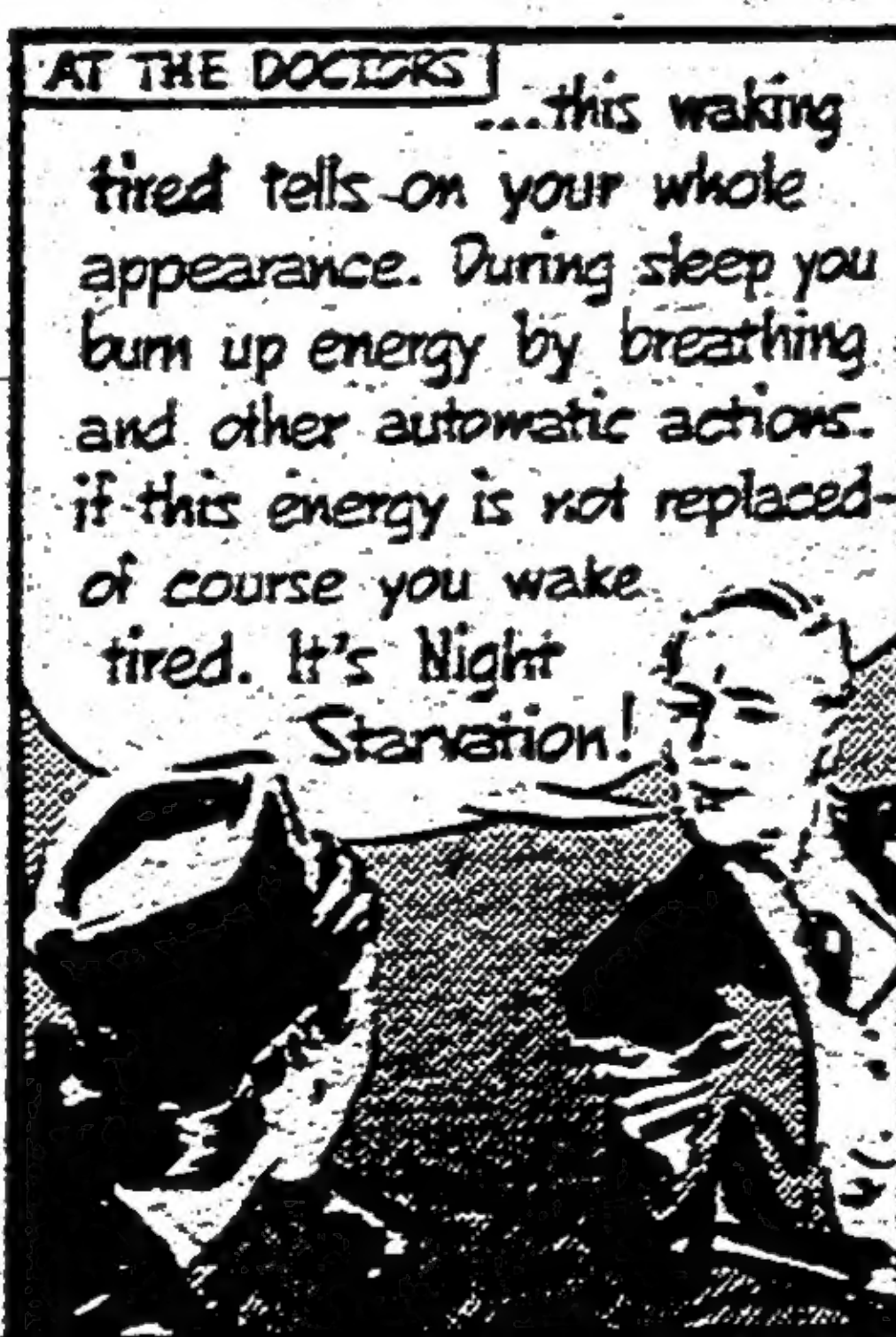
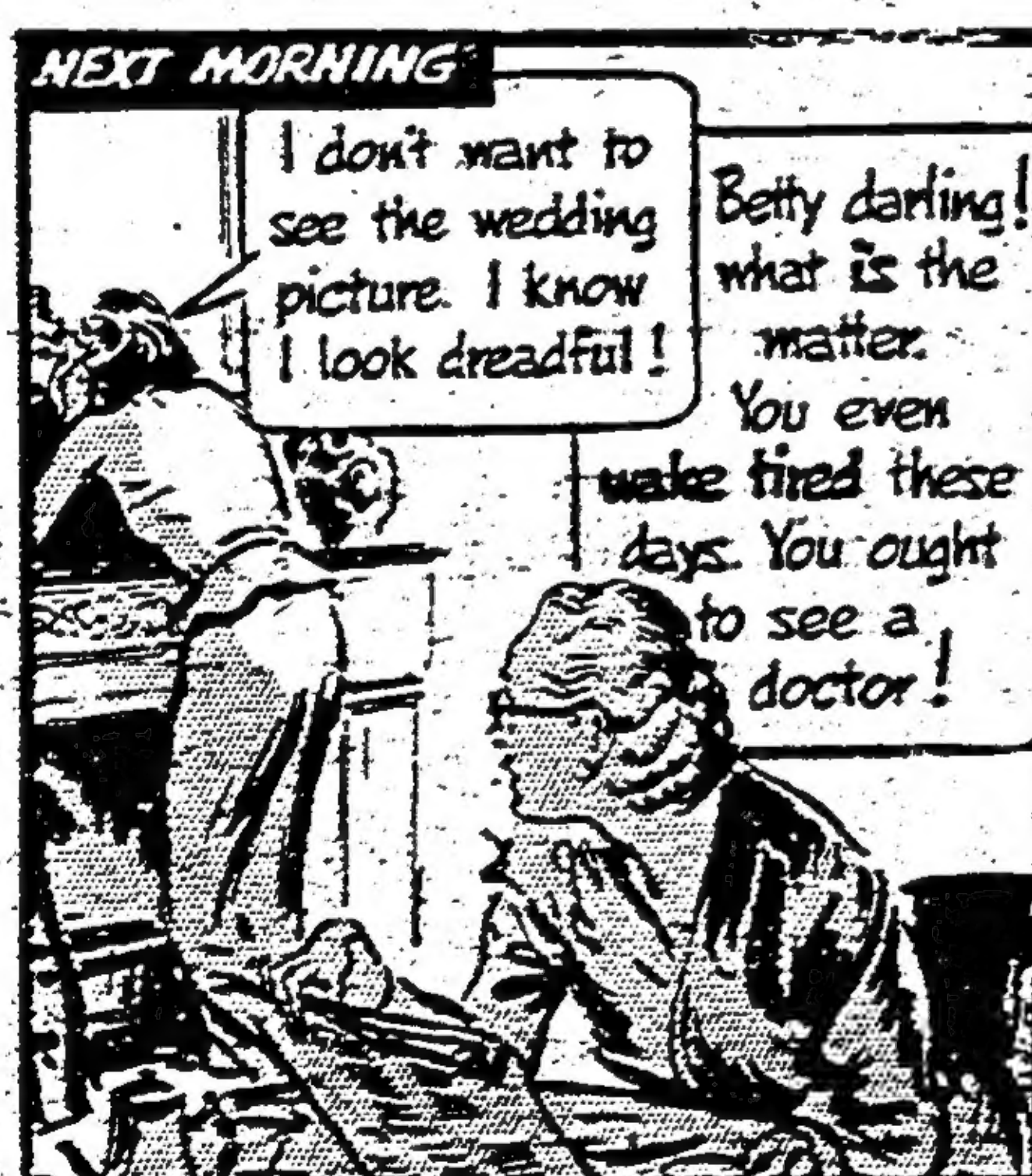
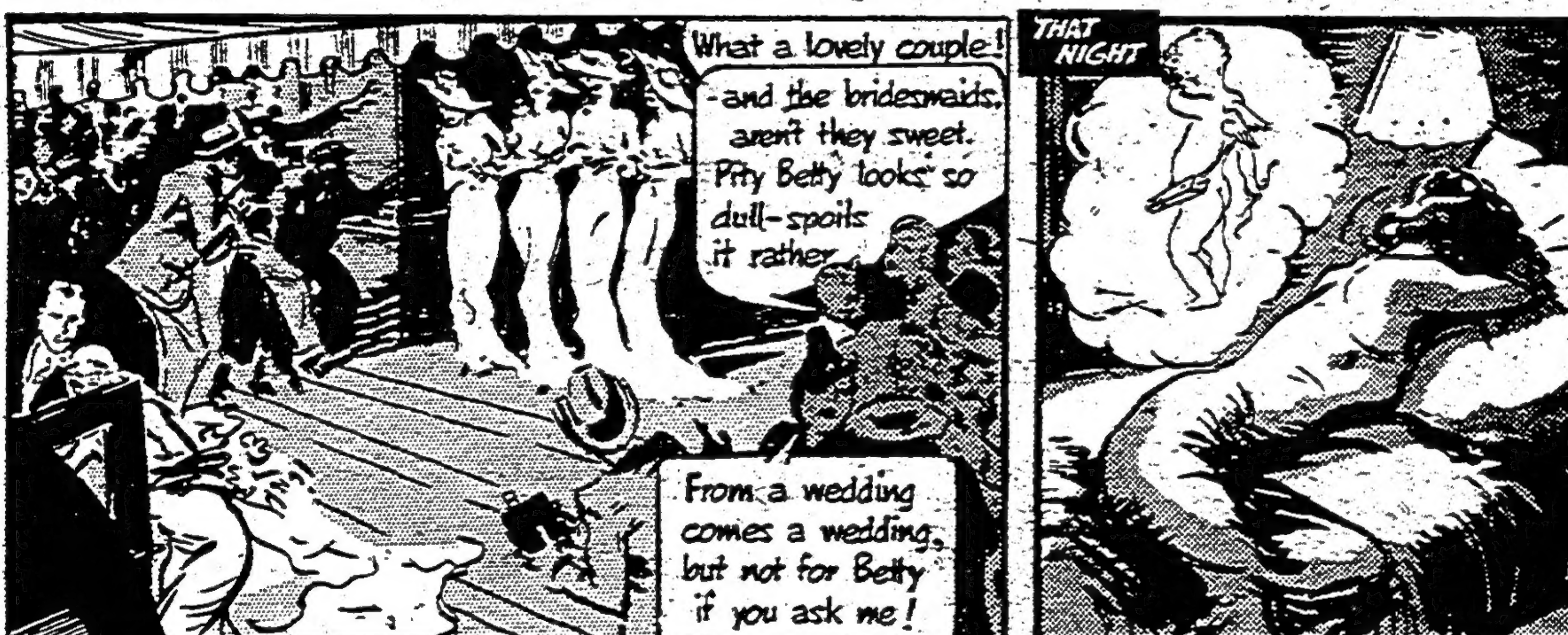
on the beach, wear them in gabardine, flanne or linen and wear them you're OWN way... maybe always with the shirttails out, no matter what the blouse or what the slacks, let flying shirttails and slacks be your idiocyncrasy.

Or you might go in for chiffon handkerchiefs with a vengeance and always use one or two to make you look smart and different. Twist three of them in different colours around the neck of your formal frock, let several fly from the belt of your sports dress and have a long one escaping from the pocket of your town coat.

AND STICK TO IT

Maybe you could be the "girl with the amusing pins," have so many people watch to see just what next you fasten to your lapel or the neck of your dress or your cuffs, belt or hat. Have a different one for each day in the week.

Maybe always wearing white in the evening will make you famous. Perhaps indulging in shoes that are clever, amusing and different... always flat heeled, or maybe always coloured will be your hair. But whatever you decide on for your fashion penchant... stick to it... make it as much a part of "you" as your voice, and we'll stake everything on your attracting interest, compliments and perhaps a bit of puzzled envy. Anyhow... you've nothing to lose, so why not try it and see!



TWO MONTHS LATER



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A NEW YORK LETTER

New Spring Hats Are Exhilarating

Latest Styles Offer Thrilling Allure

Buying a new hat at most times of the year is usually just adding the final smart touch to a new costume. But, buying a new hat when spring is just promising to blossom, well, that is a tonic, an inspiration and usually quite an adventure. Ask nine women out of 10 what is the most exciting fashion of the year and they'll say "spring hats." Watch them in stores experimenting with new lines, new colours and new details. It's a game and a delightful game that can do more to lift feminine spirits than most anything I know of.

THE SPANISH GAUCHO

A lot of words spent on the subject of so simple a thing as a hat? But then a spring hat is far from a simple thing. It's an experience, another chance to make a new personality out of the old one and definitely a fashion lesson unto itself. Go out and try on some of the just

TO-DAY'S COSTUME

Under a slim, black wool town coat a black and white print frock girdled in stitched red patent leather. With it a white felt pillbox touched with red, short white gloves, a red patent bag and black patent shoes.

unwrapped new arrivals and see for yourself the newness, the flattery and allure that make spring hat time the fashion thrill it is! If you're tall and dashing try the Spanish effect on your head. The wide brimmed gauchito type hat with loose chin straps have a world of swaggering chic about them. And those new chapeaux patterned after the peon's headgear, with wide off the face brims have a nonchalant air that's most eye catching.

PILLBOX FOR TOWN WEAR

The little spring pillbox is ultra chic for town wear and is appearing in sophisticated shiny straws and fabrics. And sailors, large or small, with thick kettle brims are among fashion's newest darlings. The off the face "on one side only" berets are amazingly flattering to you who can't afford extreme, revealing hat lines. And there's something youthfully appealing about the big bonnet silhouette that is still in high favour for spring! Stitched jerseys with brims or turban style are extremely wearable hat styles. The Fifth Avenue replicas of straw-and-yarn are stunning for casual wear. And the very high style group which recalls the "bird in Nellie's hat" is amusing, and very new, like the white straw sailor with black patent leather birds perched on the crown.

Patent incidentally is a favourite spring trim. Veils, definitely are still with us, usually in the brim only or streaming down the back. Summer felts are as always smart for those who prefer them, but shiny straws and braids are most prevalent.

IN LOCAL COLLECTION

From an unusually appealing local new hat collection come the following descriptions. A navy blue, felt sailor with rather narrow brim and huge navy taffeta bow flaring up from the top.

The navy pillbox of straw braid trimmed in chamois. The navy felt with round, flat crown and little cluster of seashells smack in front. The black straw, large sailor with kettle edge and double veil on brim, black dotted in dubonnet!

Hats to Blossom Into Spring!



NEWS HATS, like spring flowers, are ready to burst forth in colourful bloom. Sketched, three-stunning success. The gauchito hat in black felt has the new backward slanting crown, chin strap and dipping brim, with little top slit to reveal your hair, and a band of dubonnet grosgrain for trim. The tiny felt pillbox is white embroidered in red, yellow and green flowers. And the dashing peon type hat is black straw with an off-the-face flaring brim and band dubonnet stitched ribbon for trim.

Keeping The Years At Bay

"I got a shock when I saw myself in a mirror," said a friend to me recently.

She is a very busy woman and, like many of us, has not realised the effect of the passing years until she was suddenly confronted by her own image in a looking-glass.

Wrinkles, double-chin, superfluous flesh, greying hair; how depressing it all sounds. Still, with a little trouble these signs can be kept away until one really has reached the serene and mellow age. The trouble with busy women nowadays is that they often make little effort to keep themselves in good condition.

Let us deal with wrinkles first. Their onset is usually insidious, stealthy and, like a thief in the night, they rob us of our clean-cut, smooth contours.

At the first approach of wrinkles about the neck, practise nodding and throwing back your head alternately; then move the head round in circles and look back as far as you can, first over one shoulder and then the other, keeping your chin well in at the same time. Practise these movements regularly.

Banish Grey Hairs

Have you signs of a double-chin? Get rid of it without delay. One good exercise is to lace your fingers together and to place the knuckles under your chin. Then open your mouth wide, dropping the lower jaw, and slowly and firmly press it up again by resistance against the hands beneath the chin.

Before going to bed at night, wash the neck well in hot water and dry and rub in plenty of cold cream. After that, slap the chin well for three minutes with the back of your hand. That will soon break down the accumulation of fat.

Watch, too, for thickening at the back of the neck where it is not so easily noticed. When it is seen, wash the neck with hot water and apply camphor ice at bedtime.

Lastly, here is a recipe for those who wish to banish grey hairs. Strain a quart of water in which salted potatoes have been boiled; bring it to the boil once more and pour the water over an ounce of powdered borax and half an ounce of powdered camphor. Allow to stand for three days before straining and bottling for use. A little should be rubbed into the scalp daily. This will also keep scurf away.



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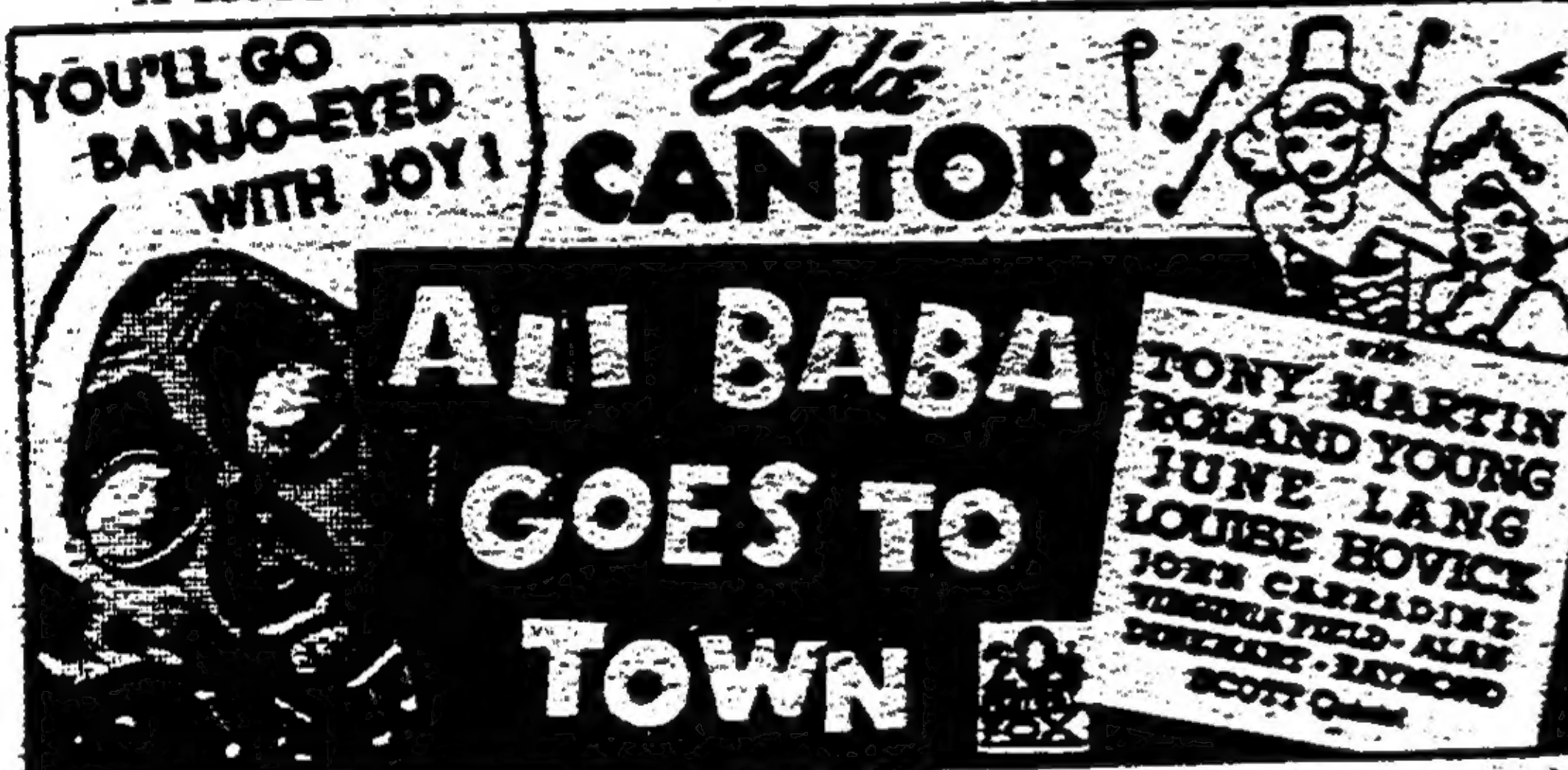
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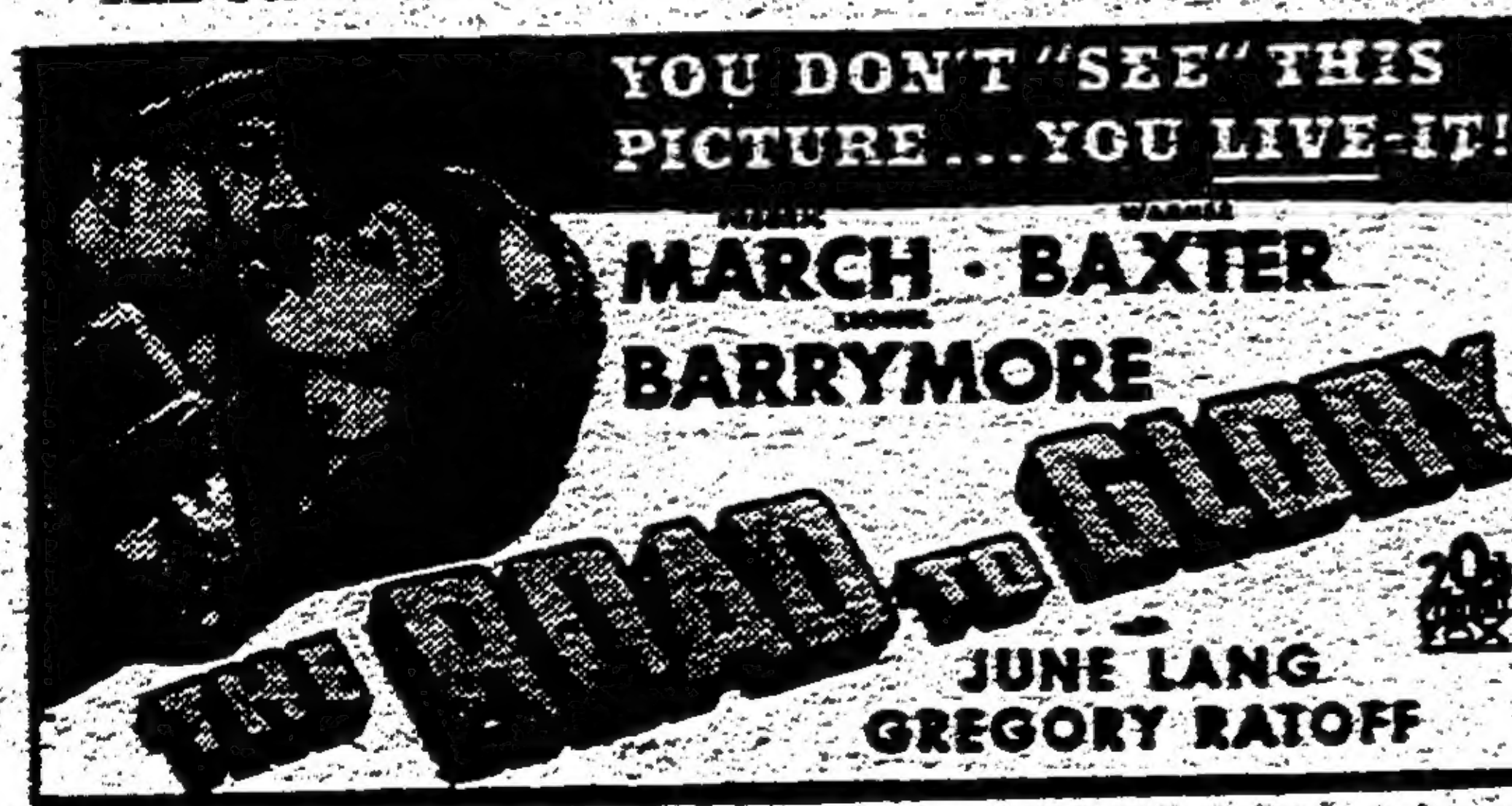
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ARREST**

Vienna, To-day.

It is now definitely known that Prince Starhemberg, former Vice-Chancellor, was arrested by the Austrian police while attempting to cross the frontier into Czechoslovakia, because he had attempted to smuggle money contrary to the Austrian exchange regulations.

He is now in a Vienna prison.

An official stated late last night that "he thought Dr. Schuschnigg is now in Hungary."—Trans-Ocean.

**HONG KONG LAND
INVESTMENT
CO.'S GOOD YEAR**

A substantial increase in profit as the result of the influx of refugees to the Colony, was reported by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, chairman, at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Land Investment and Agency Company held this morning in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Company.

"I feel I ought to tell you that in no instance has this company taken unfair advantage of the situation," Mr. Paterson remarked.

The chairman said:—
You will see that the amount at the credit of the Profit and Loss Account is \$100,691.73 more than for 1936 and this is due to a great extent to the unhappy war in China which has brought to the Colony a great number of people requiring office, hotel, and tenement accommodation. In view of various written and verbal statements that have been made, I feel I ought to tell you that in no instance has this Company taken unfair advantage of the situation.

NEW DEVELOPMENT

During the year under review "Holland House" at No. 9 Queen's Road, Central, was completed and speedily proved a popular office building. It is really necessary now to redevelop M. L. 278 (1A Chater Road and 2 Connaught Road) also M. L. 2C (12 and 12A Des Voeux Road, Central) at an early date and sketch plans are already being considered but it is doubtful if anything can be done until there has been a considerable drop in the present high costs of various building materials.

The Gloucester Hotel shows a very satisfactory result and, apart from the unusual demand for accommodation to which I have referred previously, I think it can be safely said to have reached a permanent position of attraction to both local residents and transients.

On the debit side you will notice that "Donations" appears as a separate item having hitherto been incorporated in "Charges" and this is thought advisable owing to the growing number of requests for contributions.

TYPHOON DAMAGE

The particularly severe typhoon of last September caused a great deal of damage throughout the Colony and our Company's properties suffered together with others which accounts mainly for the increase of \$13,838.88 in "Repairs."

Turning to the Profit and Loss Appropriation Account, you will see that a Final Dividend of \$1 per share is proposed which, together with the Interim Dividend, makes a total of \$2 per share for the year 1937.

Having regard to the exceptional profit shown by the Working Account of the Gloucester Hotel and recognising the advisability of carrying hotel assets at as conservative a figure as possible, it is recommended that the sum of \$50,000 is appropriated to write down Furnishings, Fittings and Fixtures although the full scale of annual depreciation has been charged.

Mr. D. V. Stevenson in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts, congratulated the Directors, Secretary and Staff of the Company on the excellent results shown. Messrs. Felix A. Joseph and S. T. Williamson were re-elected directors

**AUSTRIA
DISAPPEARS
FROM
DIPLOMACY**

Vienna, To-day.
In addition to the recall of the Austrian Ministers in London, Paris, Prague and Bern, Austrian diplomatic representatives in other countries have placed themselves under the diplomatic representatives of Germany. The Austrian Minister in Berlin has placed himself at the disposal of the German Foreign Office.—Trans-Ocean.

**SOVIET TRIAL
CONDEMNED:
APPEALS FAIL**

Moscow, To-day.

The appeals of Bukharin, Rykov and Yagoda and fourteen others of the condemned in the mass treason trial, have been rejected, and it was expected that they would be shot last night.

The fate of Rosengolz is uncertain. — Reuter.

**BRITAIN
SUPPORTED
PLEBISCITE**

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain disclosed during yesterday's statement on Austria that Lord Halifax supported the Austrian plebiscite and told Herr von Ribbentrop on March 10 that His Majesty's Government attached great importance to all measures being taken to ensure that the plebiscite should be carried out without interference or intimidation.

Late on Friday, Sir Neville Henderson, in Berlin, made strong representations and pointed out that the German action was bound to produce the gravest reactions.—British Wireless.

**MARINE STORE
BLAZE**

A wooden shed, with corrugated iron roof, used as a marine store depot by Tsui Yin-sin, in Cheung-shawan Road, caught fire last night, creating a blaze that could be seen for a considerable distance.

The Fire Brigade and the Emergency Unit were called out and they had little difficulty in dealing with the outbreak.

The premises were gutted. The damage was estimated at \$1,200.

on the proposal of Mr. D. Bulley, seconded by Mr. R. Grieve, while Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors.

The following attended:—Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, chairman, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. S. T. Williamson, and Mr. A. Raymond (directors). Mr. O. Eager (Secretary), Mr. B. C. Field (Assistant Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. J. A. Tarrant, D. W. Dalley, E. J. D. Grieve, A. J. White, H. Summers, G. W. Grey, D. W. Stevenson, A. Urquhart, C. Compertz and A. C. Whelan.

HERR HITLER'S TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO VIENNA: HISTORICAL TURNING-POINT

Vienna, To-day.

Herr Hitler started his triumphal entry into Vienna at 6 o'clock last evening. The entry was delayed owing to the enthusiastic reception accorded the Fuehrer along the route from Linz, which he had left seven hours earlier.

The last 50 miles to Vienna took Herr Hitler four hours, the Fuehrer having to stand in his car most of the way to return the greetings of the masses along the route. In places the crowd was from 30 to 50 deep.

The police in Vienna thought at one time that Herr Hitler would have to postpone his drive through Vienna, so thick were the crowds, thousands and thousands having flocked into the capital from the country.

Herr Hitler drove to the Hotel Imperial where he has taken up his residence. Crowds gathered outside and called for him.

It was announced that Herr Hitler would speak at 11 o'clock this morning (Tuesday), so great was the clamour for him that the Fuehrer appeared on the balcony at 7.15 with General von Kraus.

Herr Hitler, in a short speech, declared:

"These last five days have brought the turning point in the history of our Germany. But the entire German people is thinking of the living past in the events you are witnessing.

SOLEMN PLEDGES

"Profoundly touched and moved by this historic turn of events are not only the two million persons in his city but the 75,000 of our people in one Reich.

"And they are all alive to the solemn pledge: whatever the future may have in store, the German Reich, as it exists to-day, will never again be disrupted or torn asunder.

"No threat and no affliction of distress, and no compulsion, will be capable of breaking this oath.

"It is uttered in faith to-day by Germans from Koenigsberg to Cologne, and from Hamburg to Vienna."—Trans-Ocean.

CHURCH BELLS RING

Vienna, To-day.

The garrisons at Linz, Innsbruck and all other towns paraded and took the oath of allegiance to Herr Hitler, who arrived in Vienna just prior to 5 o'clock last evening.

The Cardinal Archbishop had ordered the ringing of all church bells, and over a million persons lined the streets.

Herr Hitler was greeted with unceasing cheers as he appeared on the balcony of the Hotel Imperial.

SPANISH GOVERNMENT PROTEST

London, To-day.

The Spanish Government has protested to the British Government against the returning of the insurgent cruiser *Baleria* who were rescued by British warships, to the insurgents.—Reuter.

AUSTRIAN FOREIGN OFFICE DISAPPEARS

BERLIN, TO-DAY.

IT IS ANNOUNCED THAT THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BEEN MERGED WITH THE GERMAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

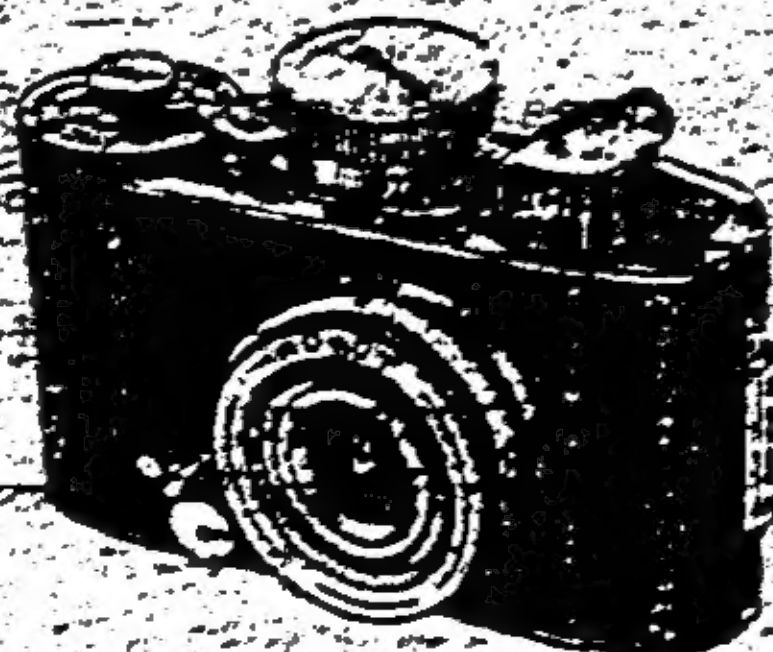
Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, the Foreign Minister, who arrived back from London yesterday, left by air for Vienna, where he will remain for several days with Herr Hitler.

Herr Franz von Papen, former German Ambassador to Austria, has also left for Vienna.

It was Herr von Papen who induced ex-Chancellor Schuschnigg to go to Berchtesgaden to see Herr Hitler.—Reuter.

The Fuehrer, in a brief speech from the balcony, said that a great historical turning point had been vouchsafed to the German people.—Reuter.

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AUSTRIAN TROOPS SWEAR FEALTY

Vienna, To-day.

At a late hour last evening, every unit of the Austrian Army had sworn allegiance to Herr Hitler. After the swearing in ceremony, which took place in all the garrisons, the troops marched through Vienna.

AUSTRIAN LOAN FALLS

London, To-day.

The Austrian schilling was quoted on the Exchange yesterday at 12.50. The 7 per cent Austrian Loan, which fell from 88 to 82.50, the 1934 fell eight per cent. Trans-Ocean.

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BRITAIN'S REARMAMENT WARNING

London, To-day.

In a house crowded in every part, the Prime Minister, who on entering was greeted with a roar of sympathetic cheers rose at the beginning of business to make his statement on Austria.

The statement was heard for most part in attentive silence but cheers greeted the passage in which Mr. Chamberlain rebutted the German Government's contention that the British Government was not within its rights in interesting itself in the independence of Austria, in which question the interest of His Majesty's Government, he declared, could not on any tenable ground be denied. The cheers were renewed when he sternly condemned the methods adopted throughout Friday's events and said they had administered a profound shock to all who were interested in the preservation of European Peace.

The Prime Minister was cheered from all parts of House when he sat down.—British Wireless.

FRANCE FORMALLY NOTIFIED

Paris, To-day.

The German Embassy here has formally notified the French Government of the Reich law proclaiming Austria's reunion with the Reich.—Trans-Ocean.

SPECIAL STAMPS

Vienna, To-day.

All postal matter posted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week in Vienna, will be given a special imprint of the swastika and the inscription "The Fuehrer in Vienna."—Trans-Ocean.

ITALIAN MISSION TO JAPAN

Tokyo, To-day.

Elaborate preparations for the welcome of the Italian Goodwill Mission to Japan are in readiness for the arrival of the members of the mission on Saturday, the day on which they are expected to reach Tokyo.

Lantern processions will form part of the Japanese celebrations.

The Mission will visit Korea, Manchukuo and other areas in North China. In Hsinking, preparations are also being made to welcome the Mission.—Our Own Correspondent.

SIR ROBERT CRAIGIE AT GAIMUSHO

Tokyo, To-day.

A conference between the British Ambassador and Mr. Horiuchi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, took place at 3 p.m. yesterday, lasting almost two hours. From Japanese semi-official sources, it is learned that Shanghai was the main subject of this conversation.

In other quarters it is stated that the conversation was in connection with the Shanghai Post Office censorship and Customs problems.

The conference concluded with satisfactory results, and an agreement on certain subjects. — Our Own Correspondent.

FASCIST COUNCIL MEETING

Rome, To-day.

The final meeting of the Fascist Grand Council last night dealt with the statement of the Finance Minister.

He stated the gold reserve of the Bank of Italy remained unchanged after fourteen months at 4,028,000,000 lire.—Reuter.

ANGLO-IRE TALKS DEADLOCKED

London, To-day.

It was learned last night that the Anglo-Irish talks have ended in deadlock.

There is a possibility, however, that the talks may be revived later in the year. One valuable result is the great improvement in the relations between Ministers of both countries.—Reuter.

VIENNA ARCHBISHOP ON THE COUP

Vienna, To-day.

An appeal to Roman Catholics in Austria to "offer up prayers of thanks" and to "gladly obey all orders of the new Government" was issued by the Cardinal Archbishop of Vienna yesterday.

The appeal stated that the "highest Church dignity of our country has blessed this long wished for hour of German unity. We may therefore look the Fuehrer straight in the face and say that all Austrian Germans join the community of the German people to-day."

Meanwhile a telegram has been sent to the Fuehrer by 330,000 Evangelists in Austria welcoming the union with Germany.—Trans-Ocean.

GOERING'S NEW POST

Berlin, To-day.

The Austrian events have revealed, it is thought here, that Field-Marshal Hermann Goering, Prussian Premier and Reich Air Minister, is now Vice-Chancellor of the Reich.

This is deduced by the Field-Marshal's signature on the Austrian Reunion Law immediately after the Fuehrer's.

Although the appointment is not officially announced, it is pointed out that Field-Marshal Goering was left in charge of Germany during Herr Hitler's absence in Austria.—Trans-Ocean.

HUNGARY'S VIEW OF AFFAIRS

Budapest, To-day.

Hungary sees in the union of Austria with Germany the final chapter of a big historical development.

All the Hungarian newspapers give the greatest prominence to the text of the Law of Anschluss, which is now regarded as having been accomplished in constitutional and justified manner.

The "Pester Lloyd" says that events have taken logical course, and formal constitutional incorporation of Austria in the German Reich has now been accomplished.—Trans-Ocean.

COLLECTIVE SECURITY TO BECOME A REALITY?

London, To-day.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replying to the debate on Austria in the House of Commons yesterday, said the British Government had made representations to Berlin as regards the withdrawal of German troops from Austria and the treatment of Catholics, Jews and Socialists.

"It is impossible for any words of mine to express how solemnly the Government feel over this, and what importance they attach to their representations."

Mr. Butler declared no particular result would accrue from referring the Austrian question to the League. Such a course would not be conducive to a realistic solution or a satisfactory result.

In regard to collective security the Government's policy was to make it a reality, if possible.

NO CONSCRIPTION

He emphasised that the Government had no intention of introducing any form of military service.

The Premier, in his remarks on rearmament, meant that if the Government decided to extend the air force programme they would have to ask employers and workers for inconveniences, and perhaps sacrifices.

As regards British policy in Central Europe, the Government had not given special guarantees to Austria and Czechoslovakia, apart from the obligations of a member of the League of Nations towards a fellow member.

The vote was agreed without a division.—Reuter.

CZECH MINISTER IN PARIS TALKS

Paris, To-day.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Paul Boncour, yesterday afternoon received the Czechoslovakian Minister, M. Osuski. The latter was the first foreign diplomatic to get into touch with the new French Government.—Trans-Ocean.

YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING

London, To-day.

Yesterday's Cabinet meeting lasted for three quarters of an hour, the Ministers discussing the Austrian situation.

The French Ambassador and the German Charge d'Affaires called at the Foreign Office separately.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace and remained to lunch.—Reuter.

CHAMBERLAIN'S STATEMENT ON NAZI COUP IN AUSTRIA

Warning Of Action In Rearmament Field

Time Appropriate For Review Of Situation

London, To-day.

The House of Commons was crowded yesterday to hear the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, deliver his statement on Austria. Many Members had to occupy seats in the side galleries, while Foreign Ambassadors were among those present in the Strangers' Gallery. Mr. Chamberlain said that the results of the meeting at Berchtesgaden between the Austrian and German Chancellors was stated by the latter to be an extension of the framework of the July, 1936, Agreement which provided, inter alia, for recognition of the independence of Austria by Germany, and recognition by Austria of the fact that she was a German state.

Whatever, therefore, the results of the Berchtesgaden meeting, it was clear that the agreement reached was still on the basis of the independence of Austria.

Detailing recent events, Mr. Chamberlain said that matters came to a head on March 11, when Dr. Zeiss-Inquart and his colleagues presented an ultimatum to Dr. Schuschnigg demanding abandonment of the plebiscite, and threatened that if this was refused, the Nazis would abstain from voting, and could not be restrained from causing serious disturbances during the poll.

COMPROMISE OFFER

They required an answer before 1 o'clock that afternoon. The Austrian Chancellor rejected the ultimatum but offered a compromise by which a second plebiscite should be held later.

Feeling himself under the threat of civil war and possible military invasion, Dr. Schuschnigg agreed to cancel the plebiscite on condition that the tranquillity of the country was not disturbed by the Nazis.

There seemed little doubt that the offer referred to Germany.

FRESH ULTIMATUM

In any event, the reply the Ministers returned was regarded as insufficient and it was demanded that Dr. Schuschnigg must resign in order to be replaced by Dr. Zeiss-Inquart.

It appeared that Dr. Schuschnigg was given till 4.30 p.m. in which to reply, and was informed that if the reply was unsatisfactory, German troops would be ordered to move at 5 o'clock.

Facts seemed to show that Germany was behind the ultimatum. (Cheers).

Later in the day a fresh ultimatum, which appeared to be brought from Germany by plane, demanded the resignation of the Chancellor and his replacement by Dr. Zeiss-Inquart, a new Cabinet of which two-thirds would be National-Socialists, readmittance of the Austrian Legion and total readmission of the Nazi Party.

RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT

The Austrian Chancellor later announced by wireless that in view of

the German threatened invasion he had yielded to force to avoid shedding German blood, and Austrian troops had been instructed to offer no resistance if and when German troops crossed the frontier.

Mr. Chamberlain proceeded to recall the British note of protest delivered on March 11, adding that earlier the same day he had made earnest representations in the same sense to the German Minister of Foreign Affairs, with whom Lord Halifax (the Foreign Minister) had two further conversations that day.

The German Government, in reply, stated that the British Government was not within its rights in claiming the role of protector of the independence of Austria.

VON NEURATH LETTER

A letter from Baron von Neurath, chief of the German Cabinet Council, to the British Ambassador in Berlin, stated that the German Government had never left the British Government in doubt that the form of relations between the Reich and Austria could only be regarded as an internal affair of the German people which was no concern of third powers.

In particular, the allegation that an ultimatum had been presented, making demands of the Federal Chancellor failing which the entry of German troops would have been contemplated, was described by Baron von Neurath as pure imagination.

The letter went on to say that the despatch of forces from Germany was first raised by the Austrian request, and added: "Faced with a directly threatening danger of bloody civil war in Austria, the Reich Government decided to meet the appeal."

SELF-DETERMINATION

The letter concluded with the contention that dangerous consequences could only come into play if an attempt was made by a third party in contradiction to the peaceful intentions and legitimate aims of the Reich to influence developments of the situation in Austria, an influence inconsistent with the right of the German people to self-determination.

Mr. Chamberlain, after stating that the Government had remained

in very close touch with the French Government throughout, said it seem to the British Government that the methods adopted throughout called for the severest condemnation, and had administered a shock to all who were entrusted with the preservation of European peace.

PREJUDICED PEACE HOPES

It followed that what had passed could not fail to have prejudiced the hope of the British Government of removing misunderstandings between nations and promoting international co-operation.

After Mr. Chamberlain had refuted the rumours sedulously put about in many quarters that the Government had given consent, if not encouragement, to the idea of absorption of Austria by Germany, he referred to the attitude of Czecho-Slovakia.

He said he was informed that Field-Marshal Goering on March 11 gave a general assurance to the Czech Minister in Berlin that it would be the earnest endeavour of the German Government to improve German-Czech relations, while the same day the Czech Minister was assured by Baron von Neurath that Germany considered herself bound by the Czecho-Slovak Arbitration Convention of October, 1925.

PLEDGE OF CONSULTATION

The Prime Minister maintained that Britain had fully discharged the pledge of consultation both with the French and Italian Governments to whom they had made an immediate approach when Austrian independence seemed to be threatened by the recent events.

As a result the French Government had addressed a similar protest to Germany, but from the Italian Government they had received no full exposition of their views.

HARD FACTS

Mr. Chamberlain emphasised that the British Government had always made it clear that it would strongly disapprove the application of violent methods to a solution of this problem.

The hard fact was that nothing could have arrested this action by Germany unless we, and others, had been prepared to use force to prevent them.

"I imagine that according to the temperament of the individual, events in our mind to-day will be to cause regret and sorrow and perhaps indignation." (Cheers).

EXTENSION OF EFFORT

"They cannot be regarded by the Government with indifference and equanimity. They are bound to have effects which cannot be measured."

"The immediate results must be to intensify the sense of uncertainty and insecurity in Europe."

"We must consider the new situation clearly, but with cool judgment and confidence that we shall be supported in asking that no-one, whatever his particular conceived notions be, shall regard himself excluded from any extension of the national efforts that may be called for."

FURTHER STEPS

Concluding, Mr. Chamberlain referred to the defence programme, declaring: "We have always made it clear that it is flexible, and would have to be reviewed from time to time in the light of any development in the international situation."

"It would be idle to deny that recent events do not constitute a change of that kind we had in mind."

"Accordingly, we have decided to make a fresh review and in due course shall announce what further steps we think it necessary to take."

—Reuter.

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HANKOW RAIDERS DRIVEN OFF IN FIRST VISIT FOR A MONTH

Hankow, To-day.

For the first time in almost a month the air raid siren sounded yesterday when six Japanese planes were sighted south-east of the city. Chinese pursuit planes took to the air and the sky hummed with activity, but the invaders veered off without making any attempt to drop bombs.

FRESH JAPANESE TROOPS POUR INTO SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

Many transports bringing fresh Japanese troops have disembarked at Shanghai in the last day or two, in addition to heavy consignments of arms and ammunition. The reinforce-

Ten Japanese planes were sighted at 11 a.m. yesterday at Siangyang, north-east of Hankow. They flew over Chumtien and Mingkang, on the Kihnan Railway, but satisfied themselves with reconnoitring and no air raid was staged.—Reuter.

ments are not less than 20,000 men, including some marines.

Hundreds of local peasants have been pressed into military labour around Shanghai for the purpose of constructing a big aerodrome at Tazang.—Hua Nan.



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OXFORD FULL COURSE TRIAL

London, To-day.
The Oxford boat race crew yesterday rowed a full course trial from Putney to Mortlake, a distance of four and a quarter miles in 29 minutes 31 seconds.—Reuter.

JAPANESE MASS RAID ON SIANFU

Sian, To-day.

Japanese planes carried out a mass raid on Sian yesterday. About forty Japanese planes took part in the attack.

In the face of heavy Chinese anti-air gunfire, they failed to reach the main city, but dropped scores of bombs on the suburbs before being driven off. Many casualties were inflicted.—Hua Nan.

NANCHANG RAID BEATEN OFF

Nanking, To-day.

Six Japanese planes attempted a surprise raid on Nanchang last evening but were intercepted and forced to make off.—Hua Nan.

SHANGHAI RESIGNED TO EXCHANGE CONTROL

Shanghai, To-day.

The pessimism and gloom pervading Shanghai businessmen and bankers yesterday, to-day gave way to a general feeling of resignation, coupled with vague optimism that the new Chinese exchange regulations might eventually be modified in order to allow foreign currency to be procured for legitimate purposes and that profits of foreign firms in China might be allowed to be converted into foreign exchange.

Shanghai interests are also pressing vehemently to have Shanghai included as the forwarding centre for foreign exchange in addition to Hong Kong, but are not over sanguine of success.—Reuter.

LULL IN NORTH TSINPU FRONT

Hsuehow, To-day.

The lull on the northern Tsingpu Railway front is continuing except at Lin-I, which was subjected to heavy air bombing by Japanese planes throughout yesterday. From Lin-I, which is used by Chinese as base of operations, the Chinese forces are launching their counter-offensive.—Hua Nan.

ENGLISH GIRLS ARE SEX-STARVED: "HARMLESS PEROXIDED, PAINTED"

London, Feb. 21.

Sex-Starved girls, hugging in their beds pictures of Hollywood film stars... ready for any experience for a thrill... solid matrons breeding babies in red-bricked suburban villas... These are the women of England, seen through the eyes of Mr. D. F. Karaka, twenty-year-old Parsee, brilliant product of Oxford University.

Mr. Karaka tried to bridge the gap between East and West. He failed. His book, "I Go West" (Michael Joseph, 10s. 6d.), sets down the reason for his failure.

First Indian to become president of the Oxford Union, the University's famous debating society, Mr. Karaka declares himself a rebel.

"The backbone of England," he says, "is the British mother, solid and matronly."

"Her ideas of morality and of decent living she shouts from the house tops—this woman with ample bosom, this mother of twins, trip-

lets, or what you have—this Mother England.

THE "GIGGLING DEBS"

"Then there are your bits of fluff—little girls who in summer live in bathing pools and shoot from party to party in flimsy garments. They are harmless, highly peroxidized, painted creatures."

"With what little she has, she tries to make her world an imitation of her dream."

Beside them, only different, are "the bevy of giggling Debs who profess to be devotees of art and beauty—Pedigree England."

"Then come those poor women who wear glasses and to whom your men won't even make passes. These poor little sex-starved girls go to bed with a picture of some Prince Charming."

"They are the fans who will travel for a glimpse of Clark Gable or Robert Taylor Virgins all by necessity, not by conviction."

"They want a home, they want children, they want a night in bed with anyone who will have them. Meanwhile they spend their lives nursing pimples."

GERMANY'S REPLY TO PREMIER'S STATEMENT

Racial Affinity Stronger Than Peace Treaties

Austrian Events Should Lead To Appeasement

Berlin, To-day.

The statement by Mr. Neville Chamberlain in the Commons yesterday afternoon has already elicited a reply from competent political quarters in Berlin.

Happenings in Austria, they say, have not increased the feeling of uncertainty but have led to appeasement in respect of the situation in Central Europe.

They point out, in reply to Mr. Chamberlain's assertion deploring the growth of uncertainty in Central Europe, that for twenty years Central Europe has, it must be admitted, been a centre of uncertainty, but that the natural course of events has brought about a restoration of sound conditions in this part of Europe, and should therefore be welcomed also in London as a contribution towards international appeasement.

RACIAL AFFINITY

The Leagues of Nations and the treaties which terminated the world war have had the effect of retarding for twenty years the natural developments which have now occurred with great suddenness. Racial affinity has proved stronger than treaties.

Mr. Chamberlain appears to have realised that union of Austria with the Reich is a natural development when he declared that it was a movement which could not be halted except by having recourse to force.

DECISIVE EVENTS

As regards the decisive events that led up to the final phase of the development, attention is drawn here to the statement made by Herr Hitler to Mr. Ward Price, of the "Daily Mail."

It is apparent from this statement, it is said here, that the Reich and the National-Socialists in Austria have never been opposed to holding a plebiscite in Austria but only demanded that the plebiscite be held under conditions that would be fair and equitable to all concerned.—Trans-Ocean.

DOCK MISHAP

Wong Kui, a fitter employed at the Kowloon Docks, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from serious injuries to the head caused when he fell into a hold of the s.s. Kutsang in dry dock, and hit his head on an anchor.

Dr. Sepher, of No. 14 Kung Ma Terrace, has reported the loss of some tools from his car No. 2940 while it was garaged at No. 55 Wong Nei-cheong Road.

KING SNUBS CAROL IN HEIR DISPUTE

Bucharest, Feb. 23.

King Carol Of Rumania has rejected the advice of his fifty-six-year-old patriarch Premier, Miron Christea, who drew Carol's attention to the danger of Rumania's being left without an heir.

Last month Carol's only son and heir, sixteen-year-old Crown Prince Michael, was missing for three hours in a Black Sea gale while travelling in a Rumanian destroyer to Athens.

The Premier, it is understood, pleaded with Carol to end his friendship with the half-Jewish Mme. Lupescu, and asked him either to seek a reconciliation with his former wife, Princess Helene, or to marry again.

Carol's refusal is shown in Rumania's new Constitution, one clause of which gives him power to nominate a Western prince as his heir if Michael dies before him.

Prince Nicholas, Carol's brother, has been deprived of rights of succession because of his marriage with a commoner, Helena Dimitrescu.—By Air Mail.

WEATHER FORECAST

The Royal Observatory reported that the anti-cyclone has again increased in intensity, and continues to extend southward.

It now covers China, Indo-China and the northern China Sea and extends northeastward to Japan; pressure is highest over the lower Yangtze Valley.

Local forecast:—N. and N. E. winds, fresh; fine.

GARAGE FIRE

A fire broke out at a garage in Dyer Avenue last night, believed to have been started when some one struck a light near the petrol tank of a car. Car No. 2829, belonging to Mr. J. C. Brown, was slightly damaged.

HABSBURGS' COMMENT ON AUSTRIAN COUP

Paris, To-day.

Archduke Rudolf of Habsburg, brother of the Archduke Otto, Pretender to the Austrian throne, declared yesterday to the special correspondent of the newspaper "Intransigent" at Steenockerzeel Castle, in Belgium;

"I do not despair that Austria will regain its independence."

The correspondent adds that the former Austrian Imperial family's last hopes now rest with Hungary.

Developments in Austria have taken the Habsburgs completely by surprise, since their daily correspondence from Austria did not contain the slightest indication that such a turn of events was to be expected.—Trans-Ocean.

DANISH ENGINEER ACCUSED

A Danish engineer appeared in the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged, with a Chinese member of the crew, with having possession of prepared opium aboard the steamer Mui Nan and with attempting to export it.

The foreigner was Jens Kragberg Nielsen, 25, an engineer; and the Chinese, William Lai, second comrade of the ship.

The case was adjourned until tomorrow morning. The charge relates to a discovery made on the Mui Nan on March 13.

NEW BARRISTER ADMITTED

Mr. Poon Yan-loi, of the Middle Temple, was admitted to practise as a barrister-in-law in the Colony by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, this morning at the Supreme Court.

Mr. J. A. Fraser, Attorney-General, stated that notice of the motion and affirmation of identification had been filed. Certificates testifying that Mr. Poon worked with H. Shanley in King's Bench Walk, and also that he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree at Oxford University had also been filed.

Mr. Poon, continued the Attorney-General, was educated in Hong Kong, and in 1932 proceeded to England for further studies. He entered the Oxford University the following year. In 1936 he graduated, and was called to the Bar of the Middle Temple.

The Chief Justice then admitted Mr. Poon to practise in the Colony remarking that it gave him great pleasure to do so, and added that he hoped the new barrister's life in the Colony would be both a successful and happy one.

"Remember there will not be a great deal to do in the earlier stages, but there is an amount of room at the top," concluded Sir Atholl MacGregor.

TAIKOO DOCK

There is no change in the situation at Taikoo Docks arising from the refusal of dock employees to go to work on the Asama Maru. An early settlement of the difficulty is hoped for. The yards are working on other jobs as normally.

Chinese Ships Still Sail The Seas

Chinese ships are still sailing through China seas. This information was offered by the Japanese naval spokesman at the Shanghai press conference.

Eleven Chinese vessels entered Chefoo during the week ending February 28, the spokesman stated. Nine Chinese ships cleared from the same port during that period, he added.

This information was contained in an announcement made by the spokesman to the effect that trade conditions at Tsingtao and Chefoo are nearing normal.

He continued that a large number of vessels entered and cleared these ports between February 21 and February 28, at the same time stating the flags flown by the ships.

During this week 16 Japanese and five British vessels arrived at Tsingtao while 21 Japanese and four British ships cleared the harbour, he said.

In Chefoo, 35 ships entered port during the week. Of these, eight were Japanese, 15 were British, one was German and 11 were Chinese.

Of the departing vessels nine

were Japanese, 15 British, one German and nine Chinese.

QUESTIONS ASKED

The announcement that Chinese ships were entering and clearing from Chefoo, in view of the Japanese naval blockade of the China Coast, brought forth several questions from correspondents and newsmen.

The spokesman explained that the Chinese vessels ply between Dairen and Chefoo and belong to Chinese residents of Dairen.

He continued that these vessels carry coolies and vegetables and were operating between the two ports, even before the occupation by Japanese forces, with special permission from the Japanese naval authorities.

Asked just what flag the vessels were flying, the spokesman replied that it was the Chinese flag. A newsman wanted to know whether the flag had "five-bars" or was the Kuomintang flag.

The spokesman replied that last November the vessels were still flying the Kuomintang flag but he had no information concerning the flag since that time.

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AMERICAN NAVY
EXPANSION

Study of the current of events in Washington show that in displaying concern at the American naval expansion programme, Mr. Hirota is not misled. It is impossible to interpret the programme demanded by President Roosevelt otherwise than as a far more effective blow at Japan than any of the numerous diplomatic messages flashed across the Pacific to the Gaimusho.

Already the United States, according to the latest available figures from the office of the Secretary of the Navy, has the largest number of war vessels of any of the powers. This report which includes all vessels in operation or under construction, lists the United States first with 412 ships, Great Britain second with 381, Italy third with 291 and Japan fourth with 241. However, there are certain latent points not immediately evident that are unfavourable to the United States. America stands second to the British in tonnage and third in under 2000 vessels. Both Great Britain and Japan with 181 and 171 ships respectively that are under the age limit stipulated in the defunct Washington Conference Naval Pact possess more modern war vessels than America with 113.

Based directly on the great discrepancy of the outward aspect of the United States navy to the actual fighting strength of America, the expansion programme is an answer to the belligerently inclined nations of the world. It is necessary to reflect, of course, that for the programme to materialise it must be sanctioned by Congress. There is little doubt that at least part of the President's rearmament plan will be favourably considered, but opposition is nevertheless in evidence. Senators Hiram Johnson and Borah, most famed isolationists in America, immediately demanded an explanation of this programme. Representative Maurey Maverick of Texas, who strongly championed the President's court re-

organisation plan last year, has found himself in opposition to his Democratic chieftain on this issue. Mr. Maverick desires enlightenment from the administration as to current American foreign policy; he wants to know whether the first line of American defence is the Pacific Coast or four hundred miles up the Yangtze. As yet this question has remained unanswered.

There is also virulent opposition to any large scale rearmament among the proponents of the recently defeated Ludlow bill to allow the ballot on war to American citizens. If any measure of the President's programme is modified or deleted, the failure will result over the debatable question as to what is an "adequate defence". There is no serious objection in America to adequate coastal defence, but certain statesmen of the Borah and Maverick type seriously question whether the twenty per cent. increase of the Roosevelt policy is necessary for purely defensive purposes.

Although the American President emphasised the defensive aspect of rearmament in the United States, possible a more lucid statement of the basic American policy than has emanated either from the President of Mr. Hull's office is found in a little read official report of the United States Navy. "To protect American lives and interests in disturbed areas", are the words which the American Navy has used to describe its duties. Unless American naval commanders have mistaken their orders, it appears that the foreign policy of the United States has been and will be to protect American interests in "disturbed areas" without as well as within the nation. Consequently American naval construction plans along with British rearmament would seem to be a definite threat to the growing power of Japan in the Orient and a warning that American investments in China will not be completely abandoned to the aggressive soldiers of the Rising Sun.

Church Reunion

A plan of reunion for the Anglican Church and the Free Churches has been published by the Joint Conference, which was constituted some years ago to explore this subject. The scheme is admittedly tentative; it is put forward merely as a basis of discussion; and it does not attempt to cover the details of organisation which would have to be settled before any scheme could be a basis of negotiation. The guiding principle is that there should be union without uniformity, that wide varieties in ritual and worship should exist side by side in the United Church, and that every congregation should have power within broad limits to choose the forms most acceptable to it. But there is contemplated, of course, a supreme governing body known as the General Assembly. Under it there would be Diocesan Synods and Congregational Councils. One of the main difficulties raised by the scheme is the question of episcopal ordination. The recognition given to the Clergy of the Free Churches is far from complete. The Anglican contention that the Sacraments are only valid when administered by one who has been episcopally ordained is not an obstacle to be easily surmounted.

FRENCH PLEDGE TO CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Mobilisation If Situation Becomes Serious

SCHUSCHNIGG ALLOWED TO GO

Berlin, To-day.
An official of the Propaganda Ministry told Reuter that ex-Chancellor Schuschnigg had been conducted to the frontier and allowed to go abroad.—Reuter.

MANY OF SCHUSCHNIGG GOVERNMENT ARRESTED

Essen, To-day.

A number of prominent members of the late Schuschnigg Government have been taken into "protective custody," says the "National Zeitung."

Among those arrested are Herr Weiser, former chief of the state police, Herr Boehm, who played a leading part in suppressing the Nazi Government in Austria, and Herr Hainl, former director of the Vienna Trade Fair.

Colonel Adam, former Cabinet chief, and Herr Ludwig, former President of the press department, have apparently evaded arrest.

The Mayor of Vienna, Herr Schmitz, is also under detention. The proprietor of one of the largest Jewish department stores in Vienna has been arrested on a charge of tax evasions on a large scale.—Trans-Ocean.

STARHENBERG ABOUT TO LEAVE

Essen, To-day.

The "National Zeitung" states that Prince Starhemberg was arrested at the west station of Vienna while about to leave.

Several high Austrian officials have also been arrested, including Herr Weiser, ex-police chief, and Herr Hainl, ex-Minister of Education.—Reuter.

Vienna, To-day.

Professor Heinrich Neumann, the ear specialist who treated the Duke of Windsor on numerous occasions, has been arrested.—Reuter.

The B. I. Steamship "Talamba" will leave for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta on or about Thursday, March 17, at 10 a.m.

Immediate Action in Event Of German Threat

Paris, To-day.

A French pledge to Czecho-Slovakia was given to the Czecho-Slovakia Minister in Paris yesterday by the Premier, M. Leon Blum, and the Foreign Minister, M. Paul Boncour.

M. Charles Corbin, French Ambassador in London, has been instructed to inform the British Government of the pledge.

It is understood in French political circles that the pledge means that France intends to take immediate action in the event of any German threat to Czecho-Slovakia, without awaiting to consult Britain.

It is thought that this might mean that France would order mobilisation if the situation became sufficiently serious.

M. Paul Boncour has summoned the French Ministers in Vienna, Belgrade and Brussels to meet in Paris to discuss the situation.—Reuter.

FRANCE TO EXPAND ARMS PROGRAMME

Paris, To-day.

The Premier, M. Leon Blum, stated last night that in view of the gravity of the situation he had decided on urgent procedure for voting extra credits to expand the arms programme.

M. Blum was addressing the General Workers Federation, and appealed for trade union co-operation to speed up arms production.

An executive spokesman replied that the workers were ready to make the required effort provided others also did their part.

Another meeting is being held to-day to discuss details. The meeting will be attended by M. Edouard Daladier, the Defence Minister.—Reuter.

BRITAIN DISAPPOINTS

Paris, To-day.

On the whole, Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech in the Commons yesterday has disappointed political quarters here.

Having formally reaffirmed her obligations to Czecho-Slovakia, France had hoped that Mr. Chamberlain might give the world some indication, however veiled, that Britain stood by collective security and was not prepared to see independent countries beaten down.

At the same time the importance of Mr. Chamberlain's statement in regard to revision of armaments, is fully appreciated here as a warning to others that Britain realises that the new situation must be taken very seriously.—Reuter.

MAD WOMAN BITES CHINESE POLICEMAN

EXCITEMENT PREVAILED ALONG THE WATERFRONT IN SHAUKIWAN DISTRICT SHORTLY AFTER 1 P.M. YESTERDAY, WHEN AN ELDERLY CHINESE WOMAN, MENTALLY DEFECTED, CHASED CROWDS OF PEOPLE FROM ONE END OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD TO THE OTHER.

Shrieking children rushed through the streets making a scared dash for home, while adults slipped into the sidewalks to avoid being the path of the woman.

The police were summoned, but before she could be taken to the police station she had managed to bite one of the Chinese constables on the wrist.

The woman has been admitted to the mental hospital, and it is stated that she was a boatwoman and had been worrying very much lately over the loss of a large sum of money.

CZECHS FACE SITUATION WITHOUT TEAR

Olmutz, To-day.

On the occasion of the celebrations marking the twentieth anniversary of the battle fought by the Czecho-Slovakian legionaries in Gachmac, the Minister of Defence declared:

"If each of us shows only a part of that love and self-sacrifice which was demonstrated twenty years ago, and if everyone is determined to protect our national honour, freedom and democracy, then there is no power on earth that can rob us of the fruits of the Czech Republic."

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H.K.-SWATOW TRUNK PHONE SYSTEM OPENS

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Calls may be made between 10 a.m. and 12 noon daily, at the rate of \$4.20 per three minutes, and \$3.50 for every following three minutes or part thereof.

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CUSTOMS SYSTEM OF

Germany Places Country On Hamburg Status

Vienna, To-day.

That the customs barrier between Germany and Austria has not yet been removed, in spite of the declaration of the Anschluss, is evident from a Ministry of Finance statement last night.

The statement says that the Austrian laws hitherto in force will remain effective for the time being, and consequently also the Austrian customs regulations.

Customs duties and other fees will therefore be collected at the Austro-German customs frontier as hitherto, for the time being.

The statement says that the status of Austrian territory will therefore be similar to that of the "free harbour" of Hamburg and other German ports, which although within German territory are regarded as non-German territory for customs purposes.—Trans-Ocean.

VON RIBBENTROP IN VIENNA

Vienna, To-day.

The German Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, arrived in Vienna by special plane from Berlin yesterday afternoon.

He was welcomed at the station by the Austrian Foreign Minister, Dr. Wilhelm Wolf, the German Charge d'Affaires and other prominent personages.—Trans-Ocean.

CABARET SUPPER DANCE

Several attractive features are being arranged for the Cabaret Supper Dance which the Central British Association are holding in the Peninsula Hotel Rose Room to-morrow at 9 p.m. Nellie Lee and Partner will present an Apache number while Jo Whitting and Dorothy Moss will contribute a novel-

ty tap item. Peggy Eccleshall and Partner will also give an Exhibition Waltz and a Quick Fox Trot. In addition to these numbers we understand that there will be several popular songs sung by two well-known local crooners.

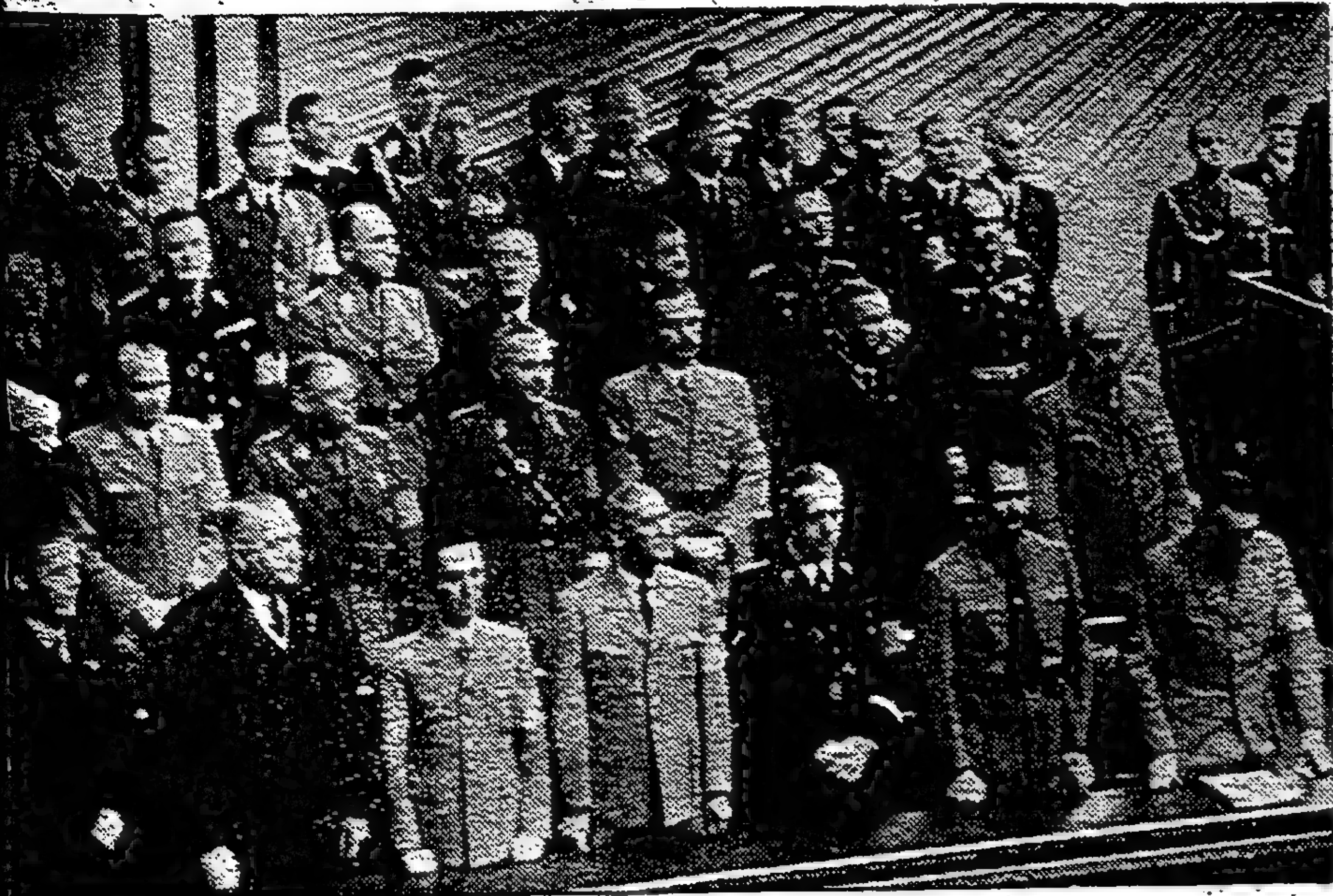


Herr Hitler delivering his momentous Reichstag speech on Feb. 20 following the shake-up in the Government and Army.

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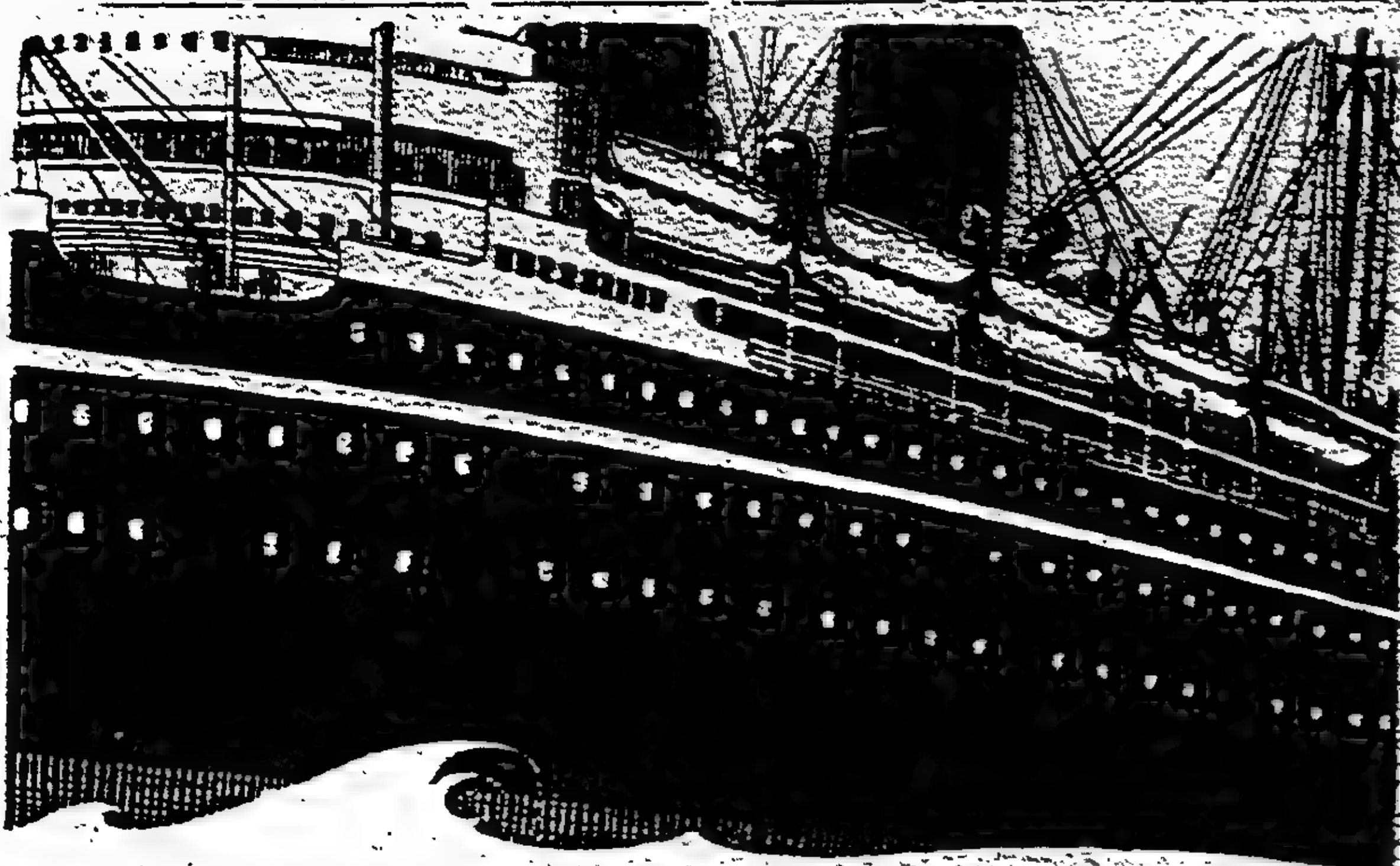


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Java and Manila	Tjisadane	March 16.
Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London, date 17th February and London Parcels—		
London date, 10th Feb.	Ranpura	March 16.
Manila	Prometheus	March 17.
Australia and Manila	Kitano Maru	March 17.
Haiphong	Canton	March 17.
Shanghai and Swatow	Tsinan	March 17.
Haiphong, Pakhoi and Hoihow	Kiangsu	March 17.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th March	Imperial Airways Plane	March 18.
Saigon	Sphinx	March 18.
Japan and Shanghai	Kaisar-I-Hind	March 18.
Straits	Bhutan	March 18.
Straits, Manila, and London Parcels—		
London date, 3rd Feb.	Agamemnon	March 18.
Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	Liangchow	March 18.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 11th March	Pan-American Airways Plane	Mar. 19.
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Saigon, Madang, Salamana, Rabaul, *Sydney and *Melbourne	Neptuna	Mar. 15, 5 p.m.
	Wednesday	
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Wed. Mar. 16, 8.15 a.m.
*Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Fausang	Wed. Mar. 16, 8.30 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Mar. 16, 10 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kalga	Wed. Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy and Foochow (via Amoy)	Chekiang	Wed. Mar. 16, 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Kaying	Mar. 16, 1 p.m.
Swatow and Amoy	Anshun	Wed. Mar. 16, 2.30 p.m.
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		Ord., Mar. 17, 6 a.m.
	Thursday	
Shanghai and *Japan	Ranpura	Mar. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, *Japan, Canada, U.S.A. C. and S. America and *Europe via Vancouver B. C. (Parcels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B. C., 4th April	Emp. of Russia	Thurs. March 17, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Par.	Thurs. Mar. 17, 4 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Reg.	Thurs. Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Thurs. Mar. 17, 5.30 p.m.
	Kitano Maru	Thurs. Mar. 17, 5 p.m.
	Talamba	Thurs. Mar. 17, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Parcels	Mar. 16, 5 p.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 17, 8.30 a.m.
	Friday	
Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Foo Shing	Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Mar. 18, 8.30 a.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Snisang	Fri. Mar. 18, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
	Parcels	Mar. 18, 11 a.m.
	Ord.	Mar. 18, Noon.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Sphinx	Mar. 18, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 15th April	Kaisar-I-Hind	Sat. Mar. 19, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
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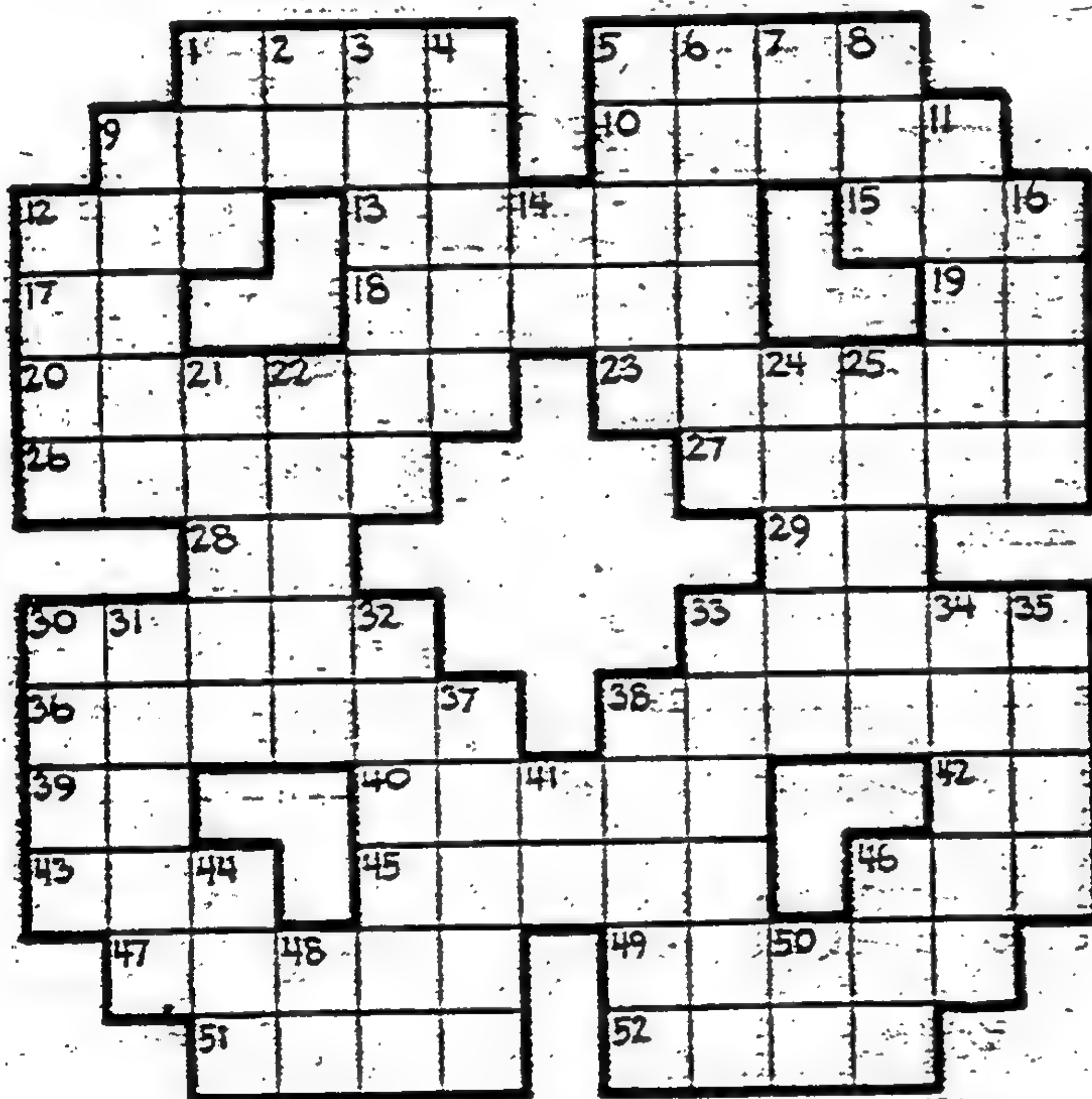
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19-Middle Atlantic
20-An article of furniture (pl.)
22-Dog house
25-Trickier
27-Approaches
28-Father
29-Six
30-The thorax
33-Girdles
35-Horsemen
38-Minister

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 39-All correct (abbr.)
40-Mountains in South America
42-Jumbled type
43-Full of moisture
45-Mends
46-Vim
47-Venturer
49-An evergreen tree
51-A sower
52-English school

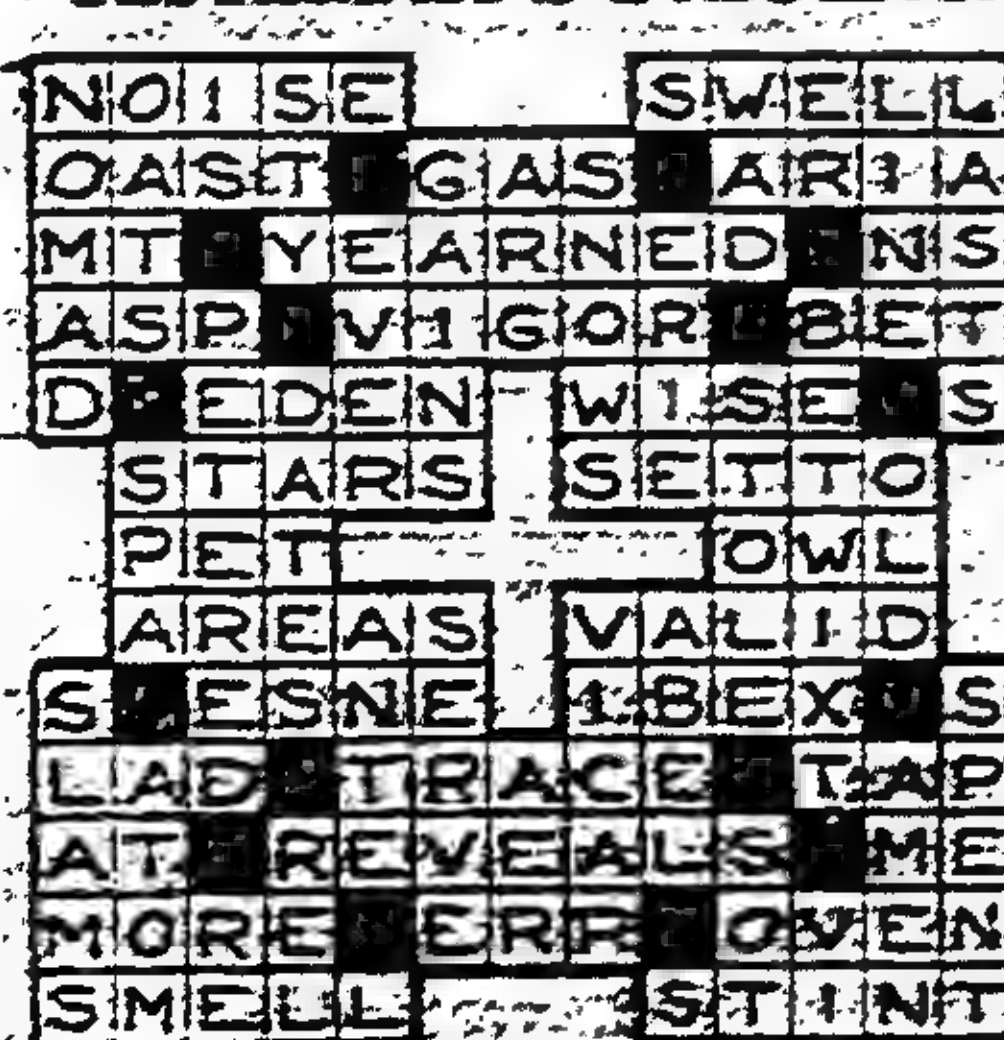
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- 1-Marsh
2-The (Sp.)
3-A note
4-Rends
5-Dot
6-To heel over
7-Indefinite article
8-Crimson
9-Ethical

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 11-Organ of the body
12-Specks
14-Mother
15-Churns
21-Having two feet
22-Rent
24-Not at any time
25-Claws
30-A bird
31-Trapped
32-Exchanges
33-Hunting-dog
34-Drunkard
35-Clip
37-Trip
38-Plural of penny
41-Debtor (abbr.)
44-Mariner
46-Woodland spirit
48-A land measure (abbr.)
50-Act

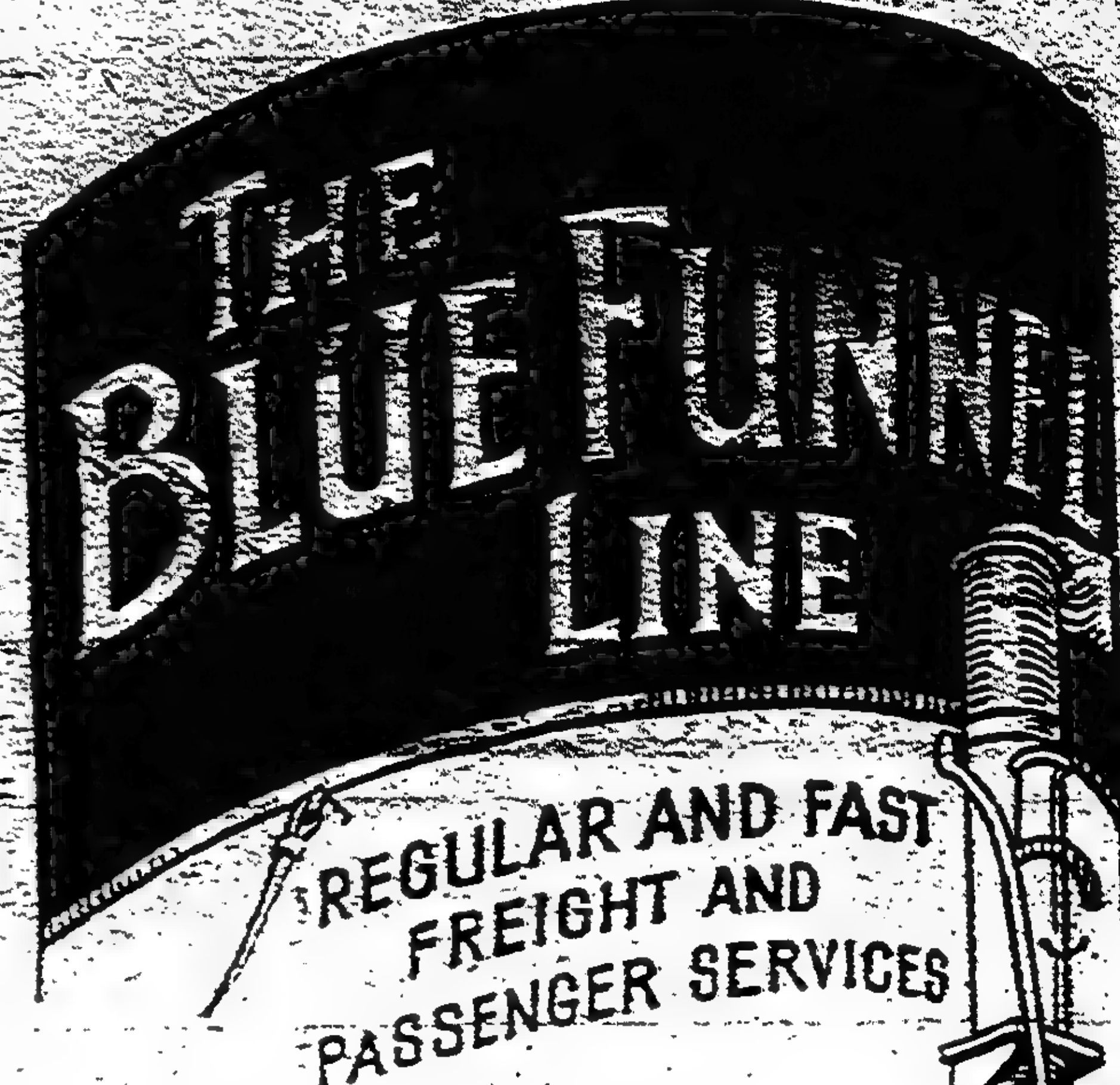
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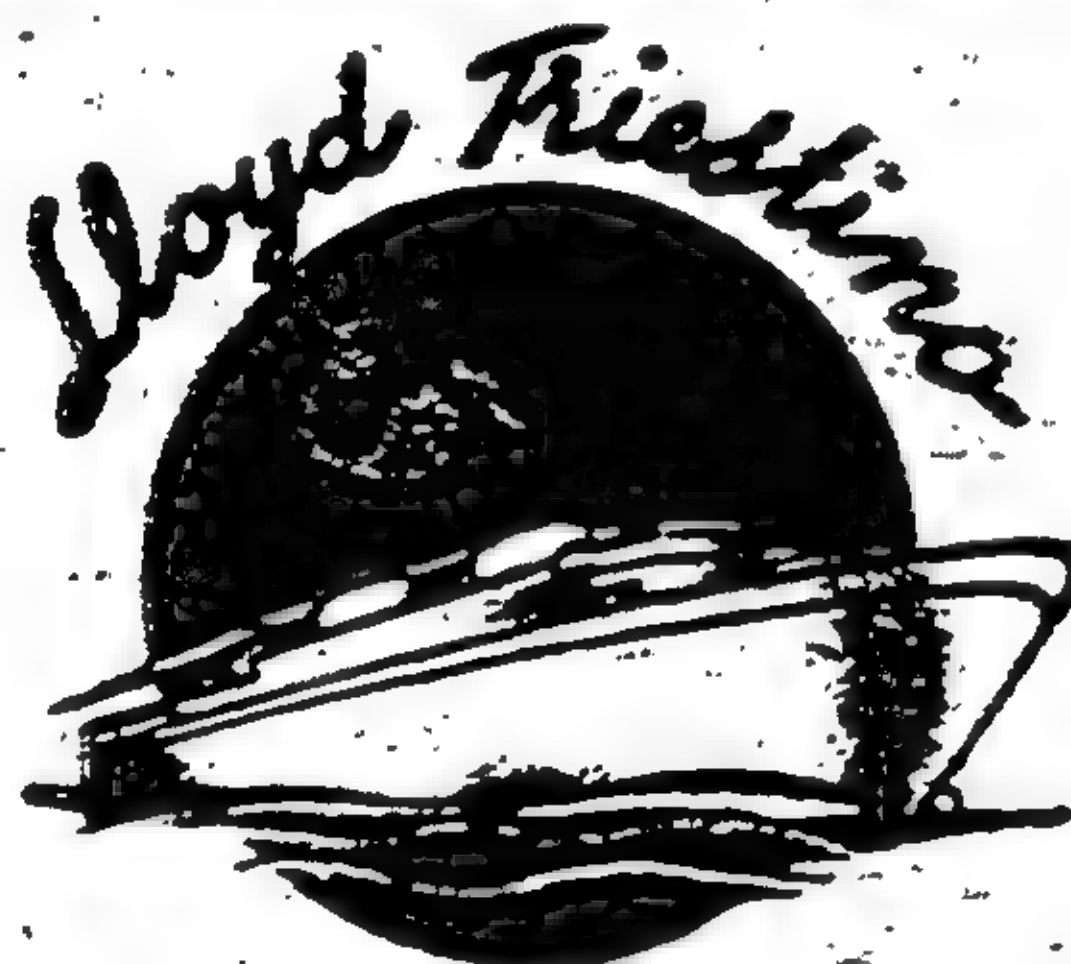
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MME. CURIE'S DAUGHTER 'IS AFRAID OF SCIENCE'

London, Feb. 24.

Eve Curie, younger daughter of the radium-famous Curies, wrinkled a part nose in distaste yesterday as she told me she considered three Nobel prizes quite enough for one family, and that music and literature interest her far more than science.

"It isn't anything to do with 'Don't want!' she smiled, 'it's just 'Can't.' I'm not a scientist, have never even looked like becoming one. Of course, I'm interested. Who wouldn't be with such a wonderful mother as mine? But I just wasn't born to it."

"Now my sister is brilliant, has carried on the work begun by my father and mother, has won a Nobel prize herself. She inherited all the scientific ability, I just haven't got any."

"That ought to prove something scientifically, how heredity works, but I don't know. . . ."

"I don't hate science, but it just terrifies me. So I determined to make my life apart from the family tradition."

Mlle. Curie's life of her famous mother was published recently. She has also translated plays into French.

"I never realised how wonderful my mother's life was until I began to study for my book," she said. "There is talk of filming, but it would take a great actress to be my mother."

Mlle. Curie is in London to visit the Mme. Curie Institute at Hampstead.—By Air Mail.

BOY FORETELLS HIS DEATH IN POEM

Not long before he was drowned, Charles Millar, 15, wrote a poem entitled "My Requiem" for the Maitland High School magazine. Millar was a third-year student at the school.

The poem appears in the current issue of the magazine. It reads:

"I have seen the might storm arise.

"I have seen the lightning streak the skies,

"I have heard the thunder's mighty roar

"And seen the wild waves lash the shore.

"I have heard the sea birds' shrill wild cry,

"I have heard the sea wind roar and sigh.

"I have seen the gold sand hard and wet,

"I have seen the fisher cast his net,

"I have seen the breakers race and roar.

"And lash the black rocks on the shore.

"Let ne'er again those sights I'll see,

"For death's dark hand is claiming me."

Mrs. B. Spenceley of "Alberose," Pokfulam, lost her hand bag, containing money and articles to the value of \$58, while shopping at No. 14, Peking Road, yesterday.

FAIRLY INTERESTING OPEN TENNIS

FOOTBALL REFEREES' ANNUAL DINNER

CHAIRMAN MAKES INTERESTING REMARKS

A very enjoyable evening was spent at Jimmy's Kitchen last night, when the Hong Kong Football Referees Association held their annual dinner which was presided over by Mr. T. G. Stokes, the chairman, and which was attended by over 50 members and guests, among whom were Mr. C. D. Carter, representing the Hong Kong Football Association, Mr. Lee Wai-tong, and Mr. R. Henderson.

Mr. Stokes said:—
Gentlemen, before proposing the toast of the Hong Kong Football Association, I would like to say how pleased I am to be able to preside once more, at the annual dinner, of this Association, and to thank all those members who have lent their support and made this function a success.

The football season is almost over, and I would like to congratulate our Referees for the able manner in which they have controlled their games during the season, the small number of misconduct cases handled by the Emergency Committee, must be considered to a large extent, a reflection on the standard of efficiency of those who had control of the various games.

On the other hand, I must sympathise with you for the small number of matches you have had; there is no doubt that with the curtailment of the number of teams in the various divisions, of the League, a certain amount of interest has been lost in local football, not only Referees are complaining, but players and spectators as well.

I am of the opinion and it is shared by many, that local footballers and Referees should have more competitive League matches, and fewer representative games (hear, hear). Local enthusiasts want a game every week, and there is no reason why this cannot be arranged, even if at the expense of representative matches.

I would like to congratulate those Referees and Linesmen, who were selected to officiate at the Corinthian matches; it must have been pleasing to them to hear Mr. Tom Smith speaking of the high efficiency of local refereeing.

I am sorry that our annual match with our friends "The Press" has not yet been played, and I trust that a team from this Association will soon be selected, I know that the Press are all ready and only waiting for the day to be named (hear, hear).

I am pleased to see that representatives of all the local papers have accepted our invitation to be here to-night, and take this opportunity to say how thankful we are for their whole hearted help and support, particularly in connection with our usual bi-monthly meetings.

To the Hong Kong Football Association, we owe a deep debt of gratitude for their kindly action in placing their offices at our disposal for our bi-monthly meetings, and I would like to express to that Association our thanks and appreciation, and to assure them of our loyal support and co-operation.



T. G. Stokes, above, Chairman of Hong Kong Football Referees' Association, presided at their annual dinner last night at Jimmy's Kitchen.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS PROGRAMME

The most attractive match on today's tennis programme was the doubles between W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher and M. W. and M. K. Lo. Owing to unavoidable circumstances, this game has now been put off until Thursday, while the singles down for decision on that day between Teddy Fincher and Alec Crawford, has been brought forward to-day.

Another interesting game should be the all-Recreio tie between Gosano and Remedios and Barros and Gonsalves.

PROGRAMME

TO-DAY

Singles Championship
E. C. Fincher v A. Crawford
S. A. Rumjahn v W. A. Land
Wong Shin-wing v R. H. Rump
Doubles Championship
A. V. Gosano and A. V. Remedios v H. A. Barros and J. Gonsalves
Singles Handicap
D. S. Robb (3/6) v A. D. Humphreys (-4/6)
A. T. Dow (-2/6) v H. D. Bidwell (-2/6)
W. Sander (-15) v A. H. McBride (-1/6)
Doubles Handicap
J. Rodger and C. W. E. Bishop (-5/6) v Nicholson and Harvey (-5/6)
H. J. Armstrong and M. H. Turner (-5/6) v G. W. Sewell and T. C. Monaghan (-15).

DOUBLES ENCOUNTER POSTPONED

Due to the fact that G. Choa was indisposed yesterday, the Open Doubles match between J. W. Leonard and G. Choa and A. Crawford and G. C. Burnett was postponed.

all times.

Fellow referees, I ask you to rise and join with me in the Toast "The Hong Kong Football Association."

In replying to the toast of the Hong Kong Football Association, Mr. C. D. Carter thanked the Referees on behalf of the H.K.F.A. for their co-operation.

Matches were often not played to schedule and last minute changes had to be made and Mr. Carter had always found the referees most helpful, even in turning out at the last minute when a colleague was not able to take a game.

Other speakers were Mr. Smyth who proposed the toast of the Referees' Association, of the United Kingdom, Mr. Finch Mr. Havelaar and Mr. Lee Wai-tong.

NEWHAM AND BAINES EXTEND PAUL KONG AND LEE WAI-TONG

KWOK AND LIANG PLAY WELL AFTER POOR START

(By "ADREM")

ALTHOUGH there was never anything really sparkling about yesterday's open tennis, there was nevertheless some sufficiently even play to make most of the games interesting to watch.

BY WAY OF A CONTRAST ALSO, THERE WAS ONE THREE SET MATCH IN WHICH T. C. MONAGHAN'S EXPERIENCE FAILED TO CARRY HIM THROUGH AGAINST ALEC PEARCE'S YOUTH, ALTHOUGH THE VETERAN GAVE A VERY GOOD ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF.

Paul Kong and Lee Wai-tong were extended to a surprising extent by the U.S.R.C. pair, L. A. Newnham and F. T. Baines and the latter pair very nearly carried the issue to the third set, in which event, there is every likelihood that the match would not have been completed yesterday as the light was then failing fast.

H. D. Rumjahn had little difficulty against S. A. Hussain despite the fact that he dropped five games, while Frank Kwok and S. W. Liang, after a very shaky start, won comfortably against another Service combination, L. J. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson.

In the early stages of the game between Newnham and Baines and Kong and Lee, it appeared that the European couple were going to annex the first set fairly easily. They started off very confidently and driving and volleying consistently, quickly went to a 4-1 lead.

Newnham was particularly reliable and made most of the openings. His service was impressive being placed well and heavily sliced. Both players scored overhead.

However, when Kong's volley started to operate and he gained control of his ground strokes, and Lee also found his touch, the Chinese pair made light of the lead against them and quickly levelled the scores, finally taking the set for the loss of only one more game.

TOO EASILY

I formed the impression that the eventual winners took matters rather too easily in the second set, Kong in particular, being very prone to play balls which were obviously going out of court, in order to make a spectacular winner. They very nearly paid the penalty as the U.S.R.C. pair hung on grimly, although outclassed in all phases of the game, and actually took a lead at 6-5. The Chinese would not be denied, however, and they won the next three games for the set and match.

On occasions Kong's service was most impressive, being placed with great power, but on performance, Lee's although not nearly as good-looking, was infinitely more effective. Moreover, Lee always played as if he was trying his utmost to win as quickly as possible.

ANOTHER PROMISING START

Loch and Tomlinson also started off promisingly. Liang was very slow to settle down and made some awful blunders both off the ground and in the air and with the European couple volleying crisply and being very severe on anything that gave them the slightest opportunity to "kill", the C.R.C. combination were down 6-3 in about

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

SINGLES

T. A. Pearce beat T. C. Monaghan 6-3, 5-7, 6-0
H. D. Rumjahn beat S. A. Hussain 6-3, 6-2

DOUBLES

Paul Kong and Lee Wai-tong beat L. A. Newnham and F. T. Baines 7-5, 8-6
F. H. Kwok and S. W. Liang beat L. J. C. Loch and J. M. Tomlinson 6-4, 6-3

10 minutes.

The opposition then just failed to press home a 40-15 advantage on Tomlinson's service for a 4-0 lead and thereafter never looked the same pair.

The match was chiefly governed by Kwok's unfailing consistency on the forehand, while Loch deteriorated as Liang improved. Tomlinson played far above himself throughout.

Monaghan, the veteran, played pluckily to level the scores against Alec Pearce after losing the first set, but the effort took too much out of him and he lost the decider without managing a single game.

PLEA TO INDIA'S INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVE

Sir,—It is a long time since the hockey representatives for the various countries have been selected, to raise representative sides, for the forthcoming International Hockey Tournament, and since then, the majority of the prospective participants either have selected their teams and are practicing, or are in the process of doing so by way of holding trials.

It is rather surprising to note that the Indian hockey representative has not yet made a move in the matter, inasmuch as that not even a single practice game has been arranged, nor have the names of any of the players been announced.

As the Tournament is drawing closer, something must be done in the way of forming a Selection Committee and holding a trial, or arranging a practice match or two in order to facilitate the selection of the team.

Will the Indian Hockey Representative do something to maintain the honour and tradition of India, in the world of Sport, and act before it is too late.

AN INDIA HOCKEY LOVER.

WORLD RECORD IN EMPIRE GAMES

Australian Team's Averages, 1937-38

	FIRST-CLASS BATTING 1937-8				Avg.
	In.	N.O.	H.S.	Runs	
D. G. Bradman	13	2	246	1024	93.09
S. G. Barnes	14	2	127	815	67.91
A. L. Hassett	8	1	127	453	64.71
J. H. Fingleton	12	1	160	587	53.36
C. L. Badcock	14	1	132	593	45.61
S. J. McCabe	12	0	119	500	41.66
B. A. Barnett	10	4	83	194	32.33
M. G. Waite	11	1	58	311	31.10
W. A. Brown	8	0	132	245	30.62
A. G. Chipperfield	13	1	67	319	26.58
F. A. Ward	11	5	41	150	25.00
E. S. White	11	4	52	171	24.42
C. S. Walker	13	2	30	169	15.41
W. J. O'Reilly	10	1	20	96	10.66
E. L. McCormick	5	1	9	19	4.75
L. O'B. F-Smith	6	1	4	5	1.00

	FIRST-CLASS BOWLING 1937-8				Avg.
	Runs	Wkts.			
W. J. O'Reilly	607	43			14.11
S. J. McCabe	162	8			20.25
E. S. White	277	13			21.30
F. A. Ward	791	37			21.34
M. G. Waite	331	12			25.91
L. O'B. F-Smith	972	34			28.58
E. L. McCormick	476	16			29.12
A. G. Chipperfield	106	1			106.00

HUI FIGHTS BACK SPLENDIDLY

Au With Winning Chance, Unable To Hold Big Lead

First indications during last night's matches, in the semi-final round of the Men's Singles Badminton Championship, at Taikoo Club, were that two upsets would be featured, but the star turns, Patrick H. Wong, the holder, and P. K. Hui, last year's finalist, managed to hold their own after indifferent starts and win comfortably to enter the final.

Nobody thought for a moment that Patrick Wong would receive anything like a challenge from S. Y. Hon, in the first match of the evening, but the latter provided an unexpected surprise when he secured a lead in the first set of six clear points, and, on his play during that period, looked the likely winner of the set.

Wong had not yet settled down and his cumbersome sweater apparently prevented him from bringing off the require shots. He removed his sweater and almost immediately fell into his stride to reel off eight aces in a row, brilliant drop-shots in the corners and clever play at the net where Hon was forced into errors, providing the main feature of the game.

HON'S MISTAKE

Hon made the mistake of trying to play Wong at his own game but the latter's coverage of court and beautifully executed clearing lob from a net rally had his opponent beaten on the baseline, where Hon conceded many valuable points by misjudging the shuttlecock.

Leading by 9 points to 7, Hon staged a partial recovery as a result of his strongly sliced drop-shot which caught Wong unaware on one or two occasions, but the champion was in a most confident move, and ran out winner in the first set by 15 points to 8.

In the second set Mong was never really extended and after being temporarily held at 2-2 when Hon scored with drives down the side

P. H. WONG AND P. K. HUI ENTER SINGLES FINAL

Last Night's Badminton At Taikoo Club

There were no upsets in the Semi-Finals of the Colony Open Badminton Singles Championship, at the Taikoo Club, last night, when both Patrick Wong, the holder, and P. K. Hui, last year's finalist, qualified for the final round. Wong disposed of S. Y. Hon by 15-8, 15-5, while P. K. Hui, after conceding the first set to C. Au by 5-15, won the next two by 15-13, 15-5.

lines, he ran away into a big lead and eventually entered the final by winning the second set at 15-5.

HUI ARRIVES LATE

Owing to a misunderstanding in the starting time, P. K. Hui arrived almost three quarters of an hour late for his match with C. Au, and, although the latter voiced a protest, he ultimately decided to carry on.

Displaying an unorthodox, but very effective back and forehand clearing shot and lovely drop shots which took Hui completely by surprise, Au raised the hopes of Chinese "Y" supporters for an all-"Y" final, and although leading comfortably by 13 aces to 4 in the first set, had to fight hard for the remaining two points before he took the first at 15-5.

DING DONG STRUGGLE

The second set was a ding-dong struggle and in spite of the fact that Hui secured an early lead, Au rallied splendidly and leading by 10 points to 5 looked like clinching the match, but Hui replied similarly and to the scores were levelled at 10-10 from which point Hui assumed the ascendancy.

At 14-13 in Hui's favour, the service changed sides seven times before last year's finalist secured the second set with a lovely drop shot which completely deceived Au.

The latter, following this second set reversal, assumed an inferiority complex and although he had plenty of opportunities in the final stanza, the issue was never in doubt and Hui ran out winner by 15-5.

LORD BURGHLEY'S TIME BEATEN

BEAUTIFUL HURDLING BY SOUTH AFRICAN

Sydney, February 14.

THE third British Empire Games were concluded here to-day in a blaze of glory. In the athletic section a world record was established by the South African, T. P. Lavery, who beat the record held by Lord Burghley over the distance in the final of the 120 yards hurdles by .6sec. in 14 sec.

ENGLAND WON TWO OF TO-DAY'S 11 ATHLETIC TITLES. W. ROBERTS, THE SALFORD HARRIER, WON A TERRIFIC QUARTER BY INCHES IN 47 9-10SEC. EQUALLING THE NEW RECORD D. V. SHORE, OF SOUTH AFRICA, HAD SET UP IN THE HEATS AND BEATING THE GAMES RECORD SET UP BY THE ENGLISHMAN, G. RAMPLING, IN THE 1934 GAMES IN LONDON BY 1-10SEC.

Miss Dorothy Odam, the British high jump champion and European record holder, won the high jump event with 5ft 3in, which equalled the Games record established by the South African, Miss Marjorie Clark, in 1934. In this event, Miss D. Gardner, of Mitcham, finished second, an inch behind Miss Odam.

With the two sprint wins of C. B. Holmes, England thus won four of the athletic titles. Wales won her only athletic title when J. W. L. Alford, the International Universities' Games dual champion, took the mile in the really fine time of 4min 11 6-10 sec. This beat the previous Games record of 4min 12 8-10sec.

PREPARING FOR THE WIGHTMAN CUP

London, February 16.

Although this year's match is not to be played until June, eleven of Britain's leading players began practice at Queen's Club, London, yesterday.

They included Miss Stammers, Miss Ingram, Miss Dearman, Miss Whitmarsh, Miss Margot Lumb, and Miss Harvey, and their practice was supervised by Mrs. M. R. King, the captain, and Miss Betty Nuthall.

A physical training expert has been engaged and gymnastic exercises will be started on Friday. The players will practise twice weekly.

NEARLY ALL RECORDS BROKEN

As had been predicted practically all the existing Games records were broken in the track and field events, the Games record was broken in no fewer than 23, and in the case of the 120 yards hurdles, the World record was also broken.

The events in which records were not broken were the three field events, the Javelin, Shot Put, and Hop, Step and Jump and two of the relays, the Mile Relay for men and the 660 yards relay for women.

WON 3 EVENTS

The only competitor in the Games to win three events was Miss Decima Norman, the Western Australia girl. She established new Empire Games and Australian records in all three. Before to-day she had already won the 100 yards and long jump. To-day she won the 220 yards.

England had no representative in the 120 yards hurdles. Hurdling beautifully. Lavery led from start to finish in the final. He had a remarkable ovation, the crowd throwing their hats into the air when it was announced that the world record had been broken. At the finish Lavery was chaired by fellow South Africans. In an impromptu speech he said that his life's ambition had been achieved.

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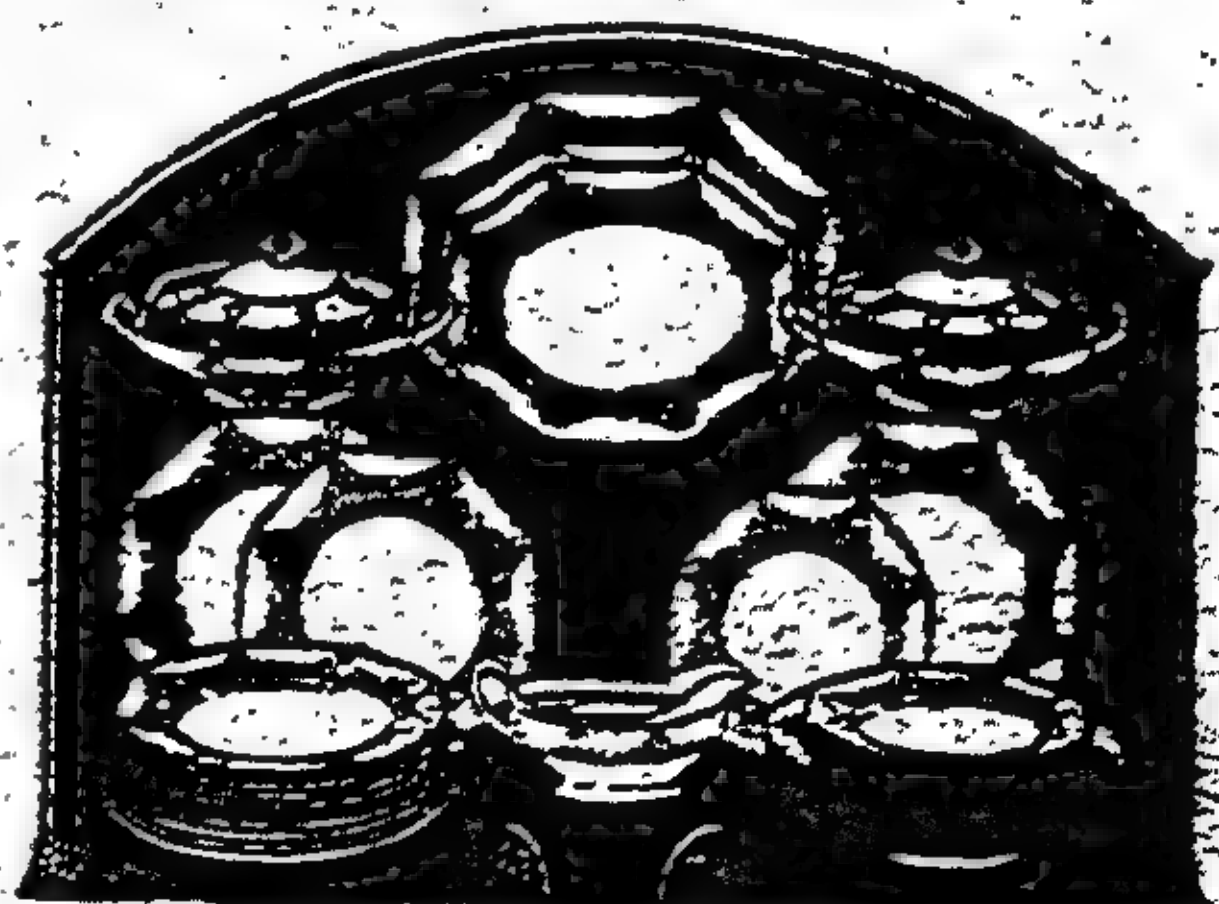
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UNITED TOURNAMENT HOCKEY

Representative Players For England And India

The first round hockey match in the United Clubs International Tournament between England and India will be played on the Police ground, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 17. The following teams have been selected:

England.—Dobson (R.E.); Stickley (Middlesex) and Robinson (Royal Air Force); Whetton (R.E.), Brown (Police) and Guest (Radio Sports Club); S. Fowler (Central British Association), Howlett (Police), G. Fowler (C.B.A.), Dunne (Middlesex) and Bond (C.B.A.). Reserves.—Gorman (Middlesex), Smith (C.B.A.) and Parker (Police).

India.—Ramzan (Kowloon Indian T.C.); Rfn. Gusan Singh (Kumaons) and Hav. Thok Singh (Kumaons); Tara Singh (H.K.S.R.A.), Gulam Rasul (Rajputana Rifles) and Malik (K.I.T.C.); Teja Singh (Police), Priyam Nath (Rajputana Rifles), Pyara Singh (K.I.T.C.), Gurbachan Singh

R. H. MOORE RESIGNS HANTS CAPTAINCY

London, February 15.—R. H. Moore, who captained Hampshire during the past two seasons, will not be able to play much cricket next summer, and has resigned from the captaincy. Last season he set up an individual record for Hampshire by scoring 316 against Warwickshire at Bournemouth. It is understood that C. G. A. Paris, the vice-captain, will be invited to succeed Moore.

(Radio) and Partab (Kumaons). Reserves, Naraina Ram (Rajputana Rifles) and Hav. Khuda Bux (H. K. S. R. A.). England will wear white shirts, and India red.

BEATTIE TRANSFERRED AGAIN

London, February 11.—Huddersfield Town last night transferred Beattie, the inside-right, they signed from Birmingham only five weeks ago, to Grimsby Town in exchange for another inside-right, Hinchcliffe.

ARE EIGHT FORWARDS NECESSARY IN RUGBY?

WHY THERE IS SO MUCH STALEMATE

(By ROWE HARDING)

THE experience of Wales at Murrayfield on Saturday, when their forwards continued to get a fair share of the ball after Morgan left the field, tempts me to ask whether eight forwards are necessary.

It is quite obvious that in a modern pack two of the forwards do little shoving. They are merely there to make themselves a nuisance to the opposing back division, to stop the development of the passing which is the chief glory of Rugby, and to pounce upon the mistakes which their harrying tactics induce.

It is remarkable that all the potential scoring power represented by Shaw, Dick, Macrae, Cliff Jones, Wooller, Idwal Rees and four fast wings produced not a single try, that all three tries actually scored were claimed by wing-forwards.

This is not exceptional. What is exceptional is to see, in an international match nowadays, a full round of passing and a wing racing for the corner flag.

FORCES BADLY BALANCED

The fact is that wing-forwards are not forwards in the proper sense of the term. They lean on the scrum in deference to an outworn tradition, but for all practical purposes a modern Rugby team may be described as a combination of six forwards and nine "outsides."

A bad balance of forces, particularly when we consider that whereas all nine function in defence, only five or six normally take part in an orthodox attacking movement. This causes the condition of stalemate we so much deplore in international Rugby.

PENALTY GOALS

Far too many matches are being decided by penalty goals, obtained often from infringements of the most technical kind. I refuse to believe that year in, year out, the countries are as evenly matched as the results of modern international matches indicate.

If a side has six good scrum-magers, capable of getting a fair share of the ball, and two good wing-forwards, it has an even chance of winning, however inferior it may be in attacking ability behind the scrum.

R. L. RODGERS HOLDS OUT IN ONE AT HAPPY VALLEY

Fanling Competition

R. L. Rodgers gained the distinction of having held out in one while playing the third hole at Happy Valley on Sunday. The distance was 150 yards.

The Bogey (Par) Pool at Fanling played over the week-end was won by O. E. C. Marton (1), one up. A. C. L. Bowker (11), all square, was second. Other scores were G. R. Cairns (12) and L. C. F. Bellamy (24), one down. There were 43 entries.

Playing in the March Qualifying round for the Adamsen Cup at Happy Valley, F. Buckle qualified with 79-18-61. Other scores were J. F. G. van Reece 87-21-66 and W. Melrose 92-23-89. There were 14 entries.

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R. E. S. WYATT DECLINES TO SAY! INVITED TO PLAY FOR SURREY?

Ex-Warwickshire Skipper On His Plans

London, February 10.

"I have not been invited to play for Surrey," said R. E. S. Wyatt, the former Warwickshire captain, yesterday as he disembarked at Victoria Docks with the rest of Sir Theodore Brinckman's team who have been touring the Argentine.

Wyatt explained that his appearance for Surrey was not in the first place a question of invitation.

"No invitation can be extended until I ask to play for the county," said Wyatt, "and I cannot say if and when I shall make up my mind. It depends on circumstances. I have been away so long that the whole position needs consideration."

When it was pointed out to him that the Warwickshire club, who have appointed Peter Cranmer captain in his place, recently expressed the hope that he would assist them again, Wyatt said he had not seen the report, and declined to say whether it would affect his plans.

Maurice Tate, the former Sussex and England all-rounder, came off the boat using a crutch



and with his right foot heavily bandaged. Tate's drawn features showed evidence of the ordeal he had undergone from septicaemia.

WEST COAST LIFE GROWTH

The West Coast Life Insurance Company recorded substantial gains during 1937, which proved another milestone in its continued steady growth, states the manager for China of West Coast Life, in releasing the financial statement for the year ended December 31, 1937.

Admitted assets total U.S.\$23,885,723.28, an increase for the year of U.S.\$1,221,053.94. Bonds, other than those carried under amortisation values, are entered in the statement at market or less. The company's holding of stocks is small, being only 3.71% of the total assets, and the market value as of December 31, 1937 of these stocks was U.S.\$50,700.93, greater than the book value at which they are entered in the statement.

RESERVES INCREASED

The total of capital stock, surplus and contingency reserve amounts to U.S.\$1,372,256.62, which is additional protection for policyholders. The total earnings for the year were U.S.\$230,396.37. Of this amount U.S.\$37,500 was paid in dividends stockholders during the year, and U.S.\$17,617.41 added to surplus.

The insurance in force increased

to U.S. \$118,105,902. New premiums totalled U.S.\$707,804.19, showing an increase of 6.8% over the previous year. Total premiums, new and renewal, were U.S.\$4,170,816.28, showing an increase of U.S.\$129,464.68 or 3.2% over the previous year.

MORTALITY RATE LOW

The rate of mortality experienced by the Company was the lowest for many years past, being 44.47% of the expected.

Disbursements to the company's policyholders during 1937, exclusive of policy loans, total U.S.\$2,364,091, including U.S.\$812,182 death claims, U.S.\$349,549 matured endowments, U.S.\$293,292 dividends to policyholders, U.S.\$105,408 accident and disability claims and U.S.\$803,660 cash values. Since organisation of the company in 1906 the amount of benefits distributed in cash to policyholders and their beneficiaries total U.S.\$40,220,161.

Requests for surrenders and policy loans have been the lowest for many years past, and substantially lower than the previous year, which is indicative of continued general improvement in business conditions.

WEST COAST LIFE

INSURANCE COMPANY SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, DECEMBER 31, 1937

ADMITTED ASSETS

First Mortgage Loans (secured by Real Estate)	U.S.\$ 6,019,476.27
First Mortgage Loans (secured by Real Estate Insured under Title II of the National Housing Act)	4,285,408.76
Bonds	3,098,603.93
Stocks (market value \$936,322.85)	885,621.92
Policy Loans (within reserve)	5,338,687.55
Home Office Building and Other Real Estate	2,539,959.34
Collateral Loans	89,744.52
Net Premiums Outstanding and Deferred (secured by legal reserve)	812,189.50
Interest and Rents due and Accrued	147,020.36
Cash in Banks, in Office and in Transit	505,450.70
Other Assets	163,560.43

TOTAL ADMITTED ASSETS . . . U.S.\$23,885,723.28

LIABILITIES

Reserve on All Outstanding Policies	U.S.\$21,698,853.25
Reserve for Death claims reported	198,602.47
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	204,671.58
Reserve for Taxes Payable in 1938	43,109.54
Sundry Liabilities	145,737.98
Reserve for Policyholders' Dividends	222,491.84
Contingency Reserve for Investments	330,000.00
Capital Stock	\$375,000.00
Unassigned Surplus	667,256.62

SURPLUS FUNDS FOR PROTECTION OF POLICYHOLDERS 1,042,256.62

TOTAL U.S.\$23,885,723.28

Business in Force increased to	U.S.\$118,105,902.00
New Premiums	707,804.19
Increase of	6.8%
Total Premiums received	4,170,816.28
Increase of	3.2%
Total Income	5,498,898.46
Total Paid Policyholders to date	40,220,160.74

WEST COAST SERVICE, IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR BUSINESS, EMBRACES JUVENILE POLICIES, PENSION BONDS, RETIREMENT ANNUITIES, GROUP LIFE INSURANCE AND COMBINATION ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE.

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Elizabethan Love Songs From The Studio

12-1220 p.m.—Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Raisé da Costa (Piano).
"Four Aces" Suite (Billy Mayerl):
(1) Ace of Clubs.
(2) Ace of Diamonds.
(3) Ace of Hearts.
(4) Ace of Spades.
12.42 p.m.—De Groot and His Orchestra.
"Les Millions D'Arlequin" (Drigo).
Old Spanish Song (Louis Aubert).
The Temple Bells (Amy Woodforde-Finden).
Fantasia On Scottish Airs (Arr. Mulder).
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Walter Glynn (Tenor) and Light Orchestra.
For You Only—Serenade (Boulanger).
Let Us Dream—Serenade (Carl Robert).
George Boulanger and His Orchestra.
I'll Walk Beside You (Lockton—Alan Murray).
The Valley Where Wishes Come True (Eatherley—Elliott)..... Walter Glynn.
Fairy-Wood Parade—Intermezzo (P. W. Noack).
Neapolitan Serenade (Gerhard Winkler)..... Joe Bund and His Orch.
Old Rusic Bridge By The Mill (Skelly)..... Walter Glynn.
Granada (Albeniz)..... Orquesta Odeon conducted by Mtro. Godes.
1.30 p.m.—Renter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Rotary Tiffin Speech relayed from the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Speaker: C. Champkin, Esq., Subject: "Citizen Constables".

Today's Wireless

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2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—Dance Music.
Dance Orch.—
Goonie Goo—Fox-Trot (Young-Ressler-Abert).
Big Chief "Swing It"—Fox-Trot (Film: "The Joy Parade")... Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Piano Solo—
Wabash Blues—Quickstep (Mehken).
Rosetta—Slow Fox-Trot (Hines-Woods)..... Gerry Moore, (Piano) with String Bass and Drums.
Dance Orch.—
Cocktail Swing—Fox-Trot (Fryman-Fagerlund-Conrads).
Blues In My Heart—Fox-Trot (Carter-Mills)..... Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
I'm Gettin' Sentimental Over You—Swing Step (Washington-Bassman).
Shy—Quickstep (Strauss-Dale).
Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.
7.25 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—Round Hyde Park. A talk by E. L. Turnbull.
7.45 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Carmen Sylva (Ivanovici).
"Eva" (From: Operetta "Eva"—Lehar, arr. Schott)..... International Concert Orchestra.
Songe D'Automne (Joyce).
After The Ball (Harris).
Orchestra Mascotte.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Old English Music and Elizabethan Love Songs by Eva

Turner (Soprano) with Lindsay A. Lafford at the Piano.
8.45 p.m.—Dennis Noble (Baritone).
Passing By (Herrick & Purcell).
The Gentle Maiden (Words, Eng. Ver., Boulton; Music, arr. Somervell).
The Devout Lover (Pollock & White).
Compositions of Quilter and Eric Coates.
Children's Overture (Quilter)..... New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.
Summer Afternoon—Idyll.
Coates and Symphony Orchestra.
I Heard You Singing (Coates).
Alfred Piccaver (Tenor).
Springtime Suite—
"Fresh Morning" (Pastorale).
"Noonday Song" (Romance).
"Dance in The Twilight" (Valse).
For Your Delight (Serenade).
Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Eric Coates.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Gilbert & Sullivan Excerpts.
10.06 p.m.—Variety and Dance Programme.
Dance Orch.—
Silver Sails On Moonlit Waters—Slow Fox-Trot.
After All These Years—Slow Fox-Trot..... Jack Wilson and His Versatile Five.
Piano Solo—
A Foggy Day (From "Damsel In Distress").
By The Sweat Of Your Brow (Mack-Reddie-Blake).
Leslie Hutchinson.
Dance Orch.—
Roses In December—Slow Fox-Trot (Film: "Life of the Party").
Put Me Behind Bars—Fox-Trot (Ramona, Kennedy & Carr).
Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans with vocal chorus.
Piano Solo—
Waltz Medley.
Fox-Trot Medley.
Billy Thornburn (with drums).
Vocal—
The Czarevitch—Operetta in Brief (Lehar-Jenbach-Reichert)..... Herbert E. Groh (Tenor); Tresi Rudolph (Soprano) with Chorus & Orchestra.
In The Mission By The Sea (Hill-De Rose).
Mime Alone (O'Connor-Silver-de Murcia)..... Brian Lawrence with Fred Hartley & His Orchestra.
Trust In Me (Wever, Schwartz, Ager).
A Little Ramble In Springtime With You (Ritter, Jarmann, Sarony)..... Greta Keller with Fred Hartley and His Quintet.
Dance Orch.—

Variety And Dance Music: London Relay

My Kinda Love—Fox-Trot (Trent-Alter).
Am I Blue?—Fox-Trot (Clarke-Akst)..... Dorsey Bros. & Their Orchestra (with Vocal Refrain).
Stop! You're Breakin' My Heart—Swing Step (From "Artists and Models")..... Jack White & His Collegians, from the Astoria Ballroom with vocal refrain.
11 p.m.—Close down.

BROADCAST FROM DAVENTRY

TRANSMISSION 1

Frequencies—
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.13 Mc/s (19.76 m.)
GSD 11.75 Mc/s (25.53 m.)
GSB 9.51 mc/s (31.55 m.)

G.M.T.—
7.00 a.m.—Big Ben Music Hall.
8.00 a.m.—Empire Exchange.
8.15 a.m.—The Salvationist Publishing and Supplies Band.
8.50 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.00 a.m.
9.15 a.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—
GSG 21.53 Mc/s (13.93 m.)
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSO 15.13 Mc/s (19.76 m.)

10.45 a.m.—Big Ben "Dancing Time".
11.30 a.m.—"Round Hyde Park" A talk.
11.45 a.m.—Chamber Music.
12.15 p.m.—"Pixie Led" A fantasy.
12.55 p.m.—Selections from the Pre-War Musical Comedies.
1.30 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

TRANSMISSION 3

Frequencies—
GSH 21.47 Mc/s (13.97 m.)
GSG 17.79 Mc/s (16.86 m.)
GSF 15.14 Mc/s (19.82 m.)
GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

1.55 p.m.—Opening Announcements.
2.00 p.m.—Big Ben "Take your Choice".
2.30 p.m.—"Songs of the Seasons"—S: Autumn.
2.40 p.m.—The Scottish Country: An Impression of the Island of Mull and its Life.
3.15 p.m.—The Torquay Municipal Orchestra.
4.00 p.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.
4.20 p.m.—"Hungarian Gipsy Party," from the Hungaria Restaurant, London.
5.00 p.m.—Close Down.

BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

Partner Trouble

"Dear Mr. Culbertson: This letter is, frankly speaking, nothing but a bid for sympathy. You always are so kind in shedding literary tears for bridge players with that horrible affliction, 'partner trouble,' that I confidently expect you to yood you night in an inter-club team-of-four column on this occasion.

"Here is a hand that came up last match, in which every one's life blood was at stake.

"South, dealer.

"Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

S.—K 8

H.—A-K J 7 5 2

D.—A 9 6 4

C.—10

WEST

S.—10 7 2

H.—10 6 3

D.—Q 10 3

C.—6 5 3 2

EAST

S.—9 5 3

H.—Q 8 4

D.—K 7 2

C.—K Q J 7

SOUTH

S.—A Q J 6 4

H.—9

D.—J 8 5

C.—A 9 8 4

"The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 spade	Pass	2 hearts	Pass
2 spades	Pass	4 diamonds	Pass
4 spades	Pass	6 spades	Pass
Pass	Pass		

"I was West, I don't know whether or not North intended that four diamond jump as an asking bid. Apparently not, since he still jumped to a slam in spades even though his partner signed off.

"After a long huddle, I decided that a club opening had little to recommend it. It might stop seven if partner had the ace, but it was not very constructive toward stopping six. So, with pretty much of a hopeless feeling, I picked out the diamond three. A glance at all the hands will show you what a killing opening this should have been. If declarer puts up dummy's ace, he is virtually committed to a cross-ruff, but he will not 'last.' One diamond can be discarded on the heart king and two clubs ruffed, but this will

leave declarer with a losing diamond and a losing club. A comfortable way to play the hand is, of course, to establish dummy's hearts. But what good will that do, if dummy has no final entry for their cashing?

"At any rate, declarer played low form the dummy, probably to give us a chance to go wrong, and O, boy, did we oblige him! East won with the diamond king and made a return—well, when I describe it as fat-headed I am merely confessing myself inadequate to the situation! He returned the club king! Maybe he thought that I had the ace. Maybe he thought that declarer had been 'psyching' all through the bidding. Or, most likely, maybe he just didn't think! At any rate, from that time on all we could do was follow suit. Declarer won, ruffed out the heart suit, drew the trumps, and used that miraculously preserved diamond ace as an entry for the three good hearts.

"If my partner had been gifted with half a brain instead of only a short quarter, the marked diamond return would have settled the declarer's hash; the diamond ace would have been removed long before. It could have become valuable.

"Now, come on, Mr. Culbertson, do I deserve a bucket of tears, or don't I? Remember, it isn't every day that I make a killing opening lead against a slam.

"Heart-brokenly yours,

"M. A. L. Brooklyn."

Yes, I concede the point. If this article were not already so long I would weep with my correspondent for at least another paragraph.

TO-DAY'S QUESTION

Question: The bidding has been:
South West North East
4 clubs Pass Pass Double
Pass

What should West do with:

S.—Q 10 8 7 3, H.—K 6, D.—A 8 6 3, C.—7 5?

Answer: West, having two honour tricks and a fair five card suit, should bid four spades.

What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA—"Hitting a New High", with Lily Pons, John Howard, Jack Oakie, Eric Blore and Edward Everett Horton. The plot deals with the romance between Miss Pons and Howard, and with the ingenious scheme through which Oakie seeks to have her "discovered" by his publicity-seeking employer, Horton. These two themes are interwoven with the story in a hilarious fashion, and they lead to surprising results.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"All Baba Goes To Town", with Eddie Cantor, Tony Martin, Roland Young, June Lang and Louise Hovick. The long-awaited musical comedy with several song hits.

AT THE KING'S—The foremost musical picture of the present year, "The Firefly" starring Jeannette MacDonald and Allan Jones and Warren William. Jeannette MacDonald scores a personal triumph as the colourful dancing girl of Madrid.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Love On The Run"—This production presents Joan Crawford, Clark Gable and Franchot Tone in another W. S. Van Dyke hit dealing with newspaper correspondents in Europe. Reginald Owen and Mona Barrie head the supporting cast which includes Ivan Lebedeff, Charles Judels and William Demarest.



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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 17th March, 1938.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

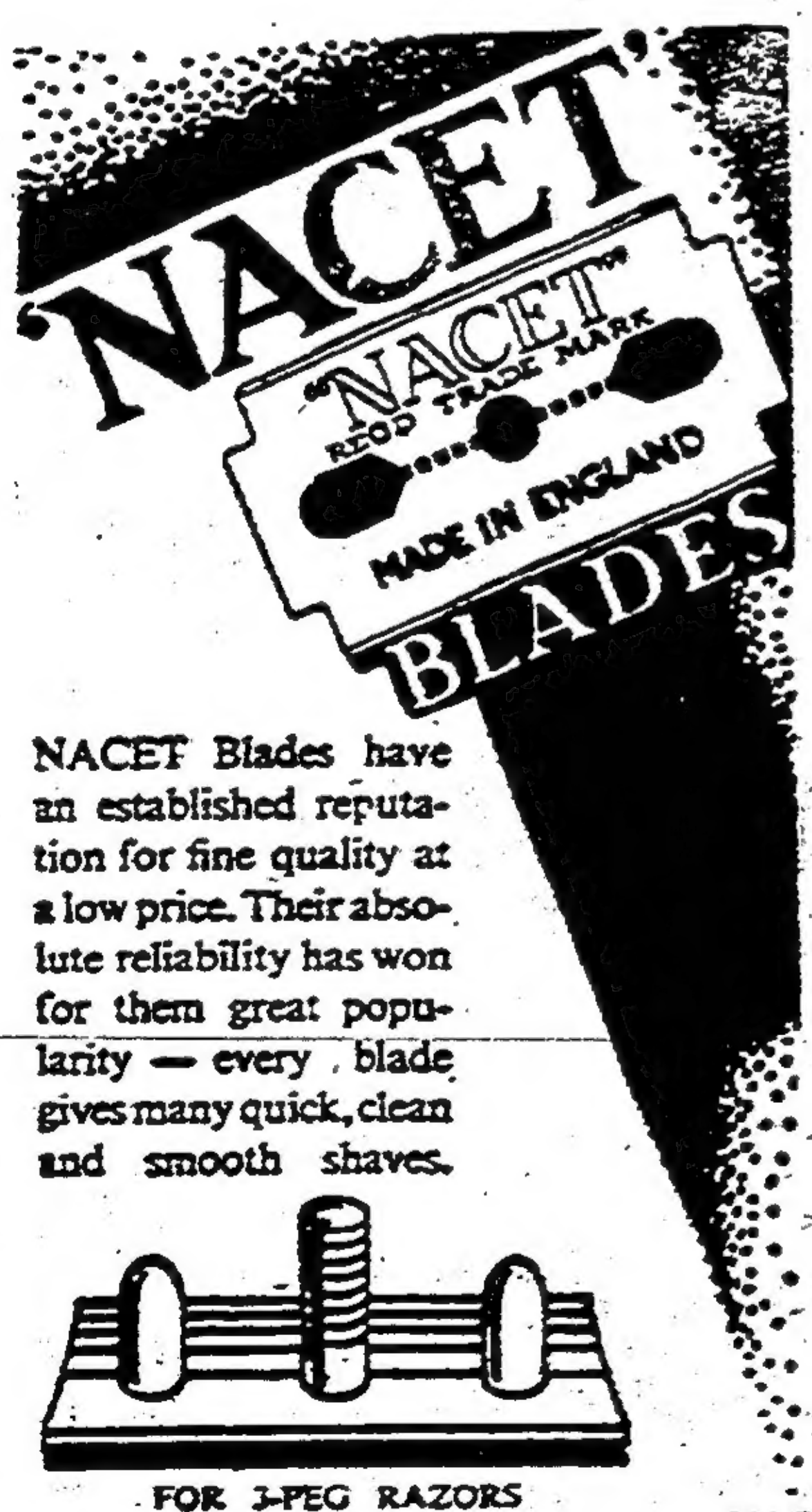
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The Sixty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on TUESDAY, the 29th March, 1938, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1937.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 29th March, 1938, both days inclusive.

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THE RENTS QUESTION

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To enable the Association to present irrefutable facts to Government, residents, whether or not members of the Association, are invited to fill in this form and send it to Mr. R. Baldwin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, 51, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.

All replies will be treated confidentially.

Note: Whether your rent has been increased or not, please make a return so as to enable the Association to judge approximately what proportion of tenants have been victimised.

Name

Address

Name of Landlord

Flat or House

Are you principal or sub-tenant?

Rent paid on June 30, 1937 \$

" " " September 30, 1937 \$

" " " December 31, 1937 \$

" " " February 28, 1938 \$

What was your rent when you first occupied the premises? \$

Has your Landlord evicted you?

For what reason

Were you in arrears with your rent?

Are you a satisfied tenant?

Remarks

HITLER GIVES HIS VERSION OF EVENTS

(Continued from Page 1)
with the Reich and will carry out the pact in a spirit of loyal co-operation.

"Instead of this, Dr. Schuschnigg attempted to force this plebiscite upon his country. For the time being I could not believe my ears and sent a Minister to Vienna to ascertain the state of events.

"Upon being informed of the situation I decided to take immediate action.

ANSCHLUSS PLEBISCITE

"The anschluss will be submitted to a plebiscite, and you will witness the results.

"It will be an overwhelming majority as in the Saar.

"I have long suffered under the realisation that the people to whom I belong by birth have been oppressed by a minority of 10 per cent. and I have finally brought this state of affairs to an end.

"In fact, I have done more. I have prevented the majority from revenging itself upon its oppressors, and I hope that the world will interpret what I have done as the work of peace.

PREVENTED SECOND SPAIN

"Had I not intervened, and had the Schuschnigg Government attempted to carry out the plebiscite, a bloody revolution would have resulted and Austria would have become a second Spain in the heart of Europe.

JAPANESE RAID CANTON AREA

Canton, To-day.

There was mild excitement in Canton at noon to-day when eight Japanese planes crossed the countryside north of the city. The raiders possibly were en route to the Canton-Hankow Railway.

At present it is difficult to ascertain whether bombs were dropped on the airfield or other nearby points, but anti-aircraft guns opened up and the din was audible all over the city. — Reuter.

"I am a realist. Observe my relations with Poland. I readily admit that Poland, with its 33,000,000 inhabitants, needs an outlet to the sea, and though we regret that this outlet could be gained only at the cost of a corridor through German territory, we agreed, because we realise what this means to Poland.

"It is much better to eliminate differences through agreement, and I hope that all countries will realise from the Austrian example the un wisdom of suppressing national minorities within their frontiers.

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It is understood that negotiations for settlement of the Chung Hwa Book Company labour dispute are still proceeding at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, in which the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North is taking a personal part. There is no sign of an immediate end to the strike, and talks may have to be continued to-morrow.

The smallpox incidence showed an alarming jump in the last 24 hours, when no less than 61 cases were notified to the Health Department.

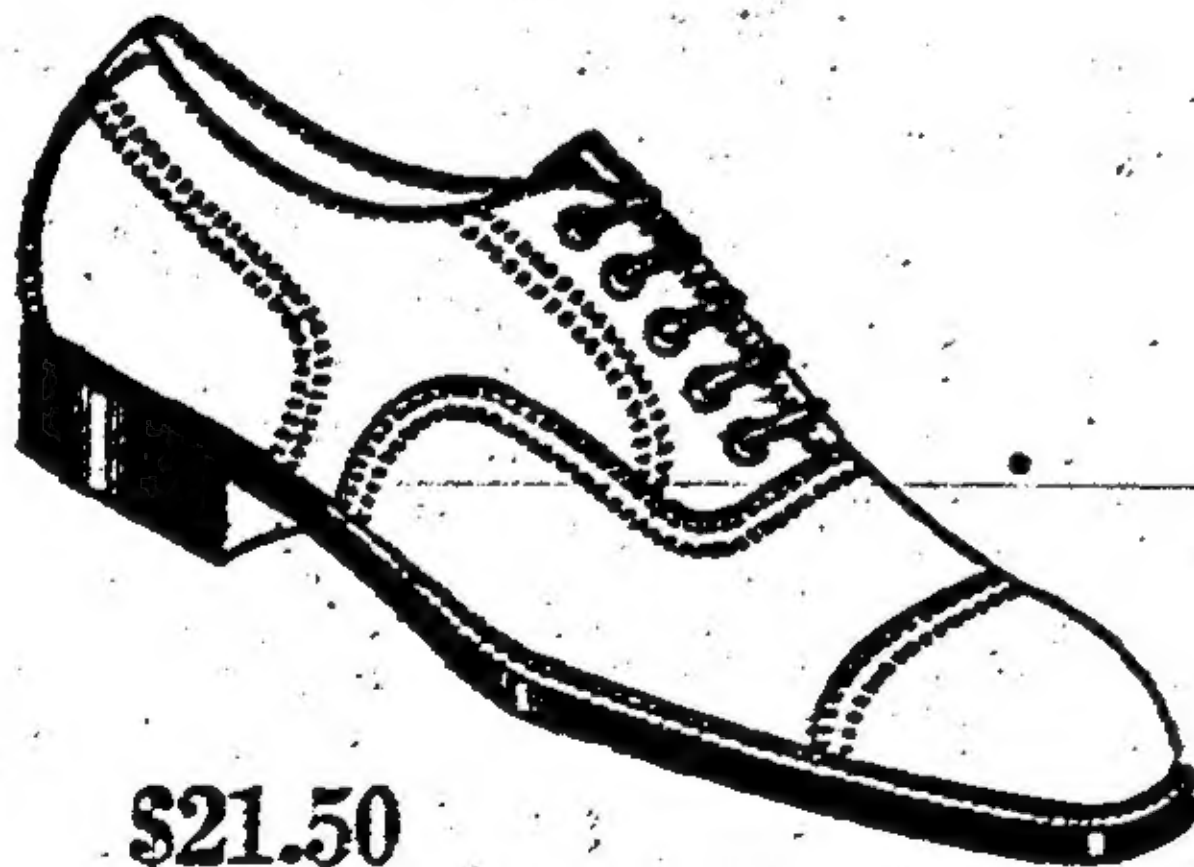
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